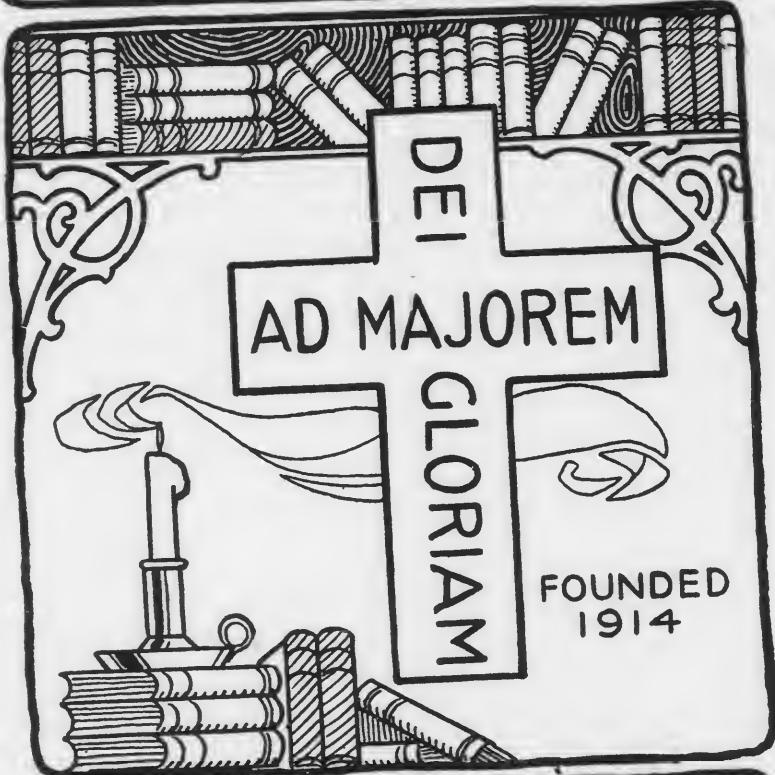


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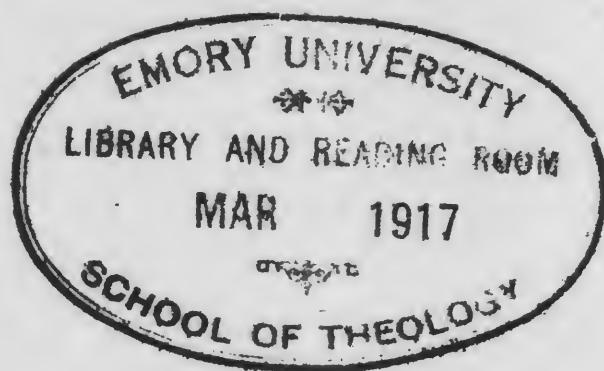


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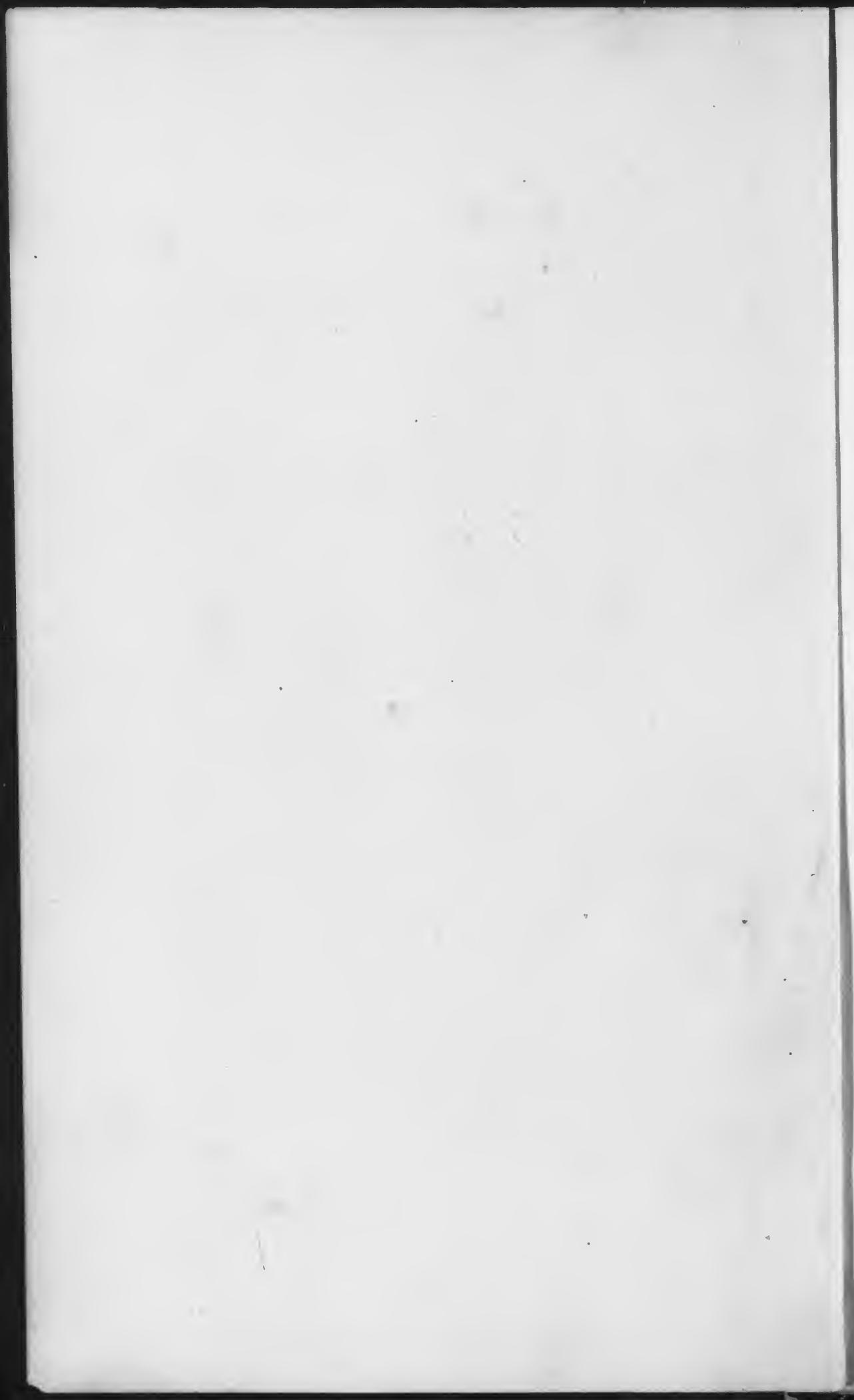
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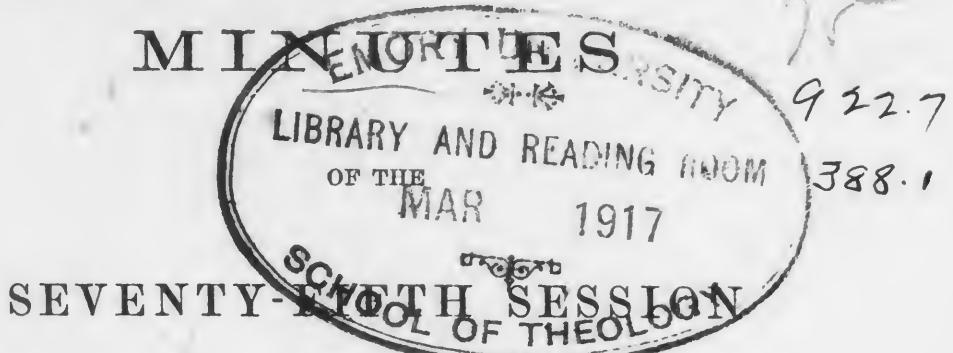


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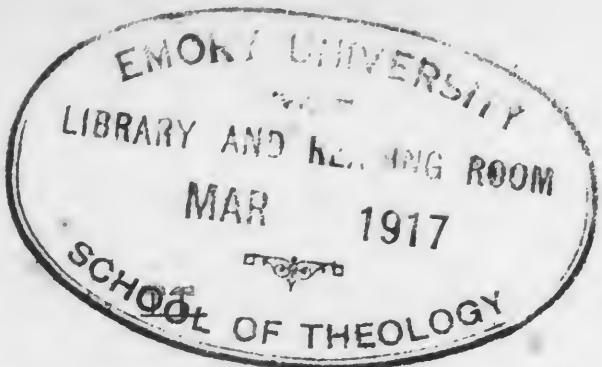
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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, commenced its Seventy-fifth* session in the Broad Street Methodist church, Richmond, Va., on the 10th day of November, 1869, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Bishop David S. Doggett, D. D., presiding.

The Conference was opened with appropriate religious exercises, conducted by the Bishop.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last session, Rev. Paul Whitehead, when 101 clerical and 15 lay members responded.†

Before entering upon the regular business, Bishop Doggett delivered a brief address to the Conference.

He said that two years ago he had no expectation of so speedy a return to the Virginia Conference, and thought it best to say that he did not preside at this session at his own instance or request. On the contrary, he had objected to the arrangement, because only two years had elapsed since he presided at Petersburg, and Richmond being the place of his residence, he believed that the presence of some other Bishop would probably have added more interest to the occasion. This opinion, however, was overruled by his colleagues, and he acceded to the suggestion that he should take this Conference in his district. It afforded him pleasure to say that he felt assured of a generous and affectionate reception, and therefore he did not hesitate to assume the responsibilities of the position.

He then alluded to his long connection with the Virginia Conference, with which, and with which alone, he had been identified from his youth. In February, 1829, at the city of Lynchburg, Va., he was admitted on trial in the traveling connection, and was consequently now in the forty-first year of his itinerant ministry. The class in which he entered the Conference numbered fifteen. Of these, there were but four now living—viz: James Jamieson, Wm. B. Rowzie, Robert I. Carson, and himself. The others have passed away, leaving the legacy of bright examples. Few who were members of the Conference when he joined now survive; and those who remain must soon pass away.

* The enumeration heretofore adopted makes this the SEVENTY-THIRD session, but the list published in the Appendix shows that a mistake has been made in counting, and that this is the *seventy-fifth* session.

† The Conference Directory shows who were present during the session.

He then paid a tribute to the Virginia Conference, which, he remarked, was perhaps the oldest Conference in the Southern connection, and has had on its roll many noble names, and has performed a prominent and distinguished part in the history of Methodism. She has not only supplied her own fields with efficient laborers, but has also contributed largely to strengthen other Conferences; and while she has not accomplished all that was possible, she has raised a grand monument to the glory of God.

He said that Southern Methodism had achieved a great triumph, but that her work was not done. A new era was dawning upon the South, and we must be prepared for it. We are about to have a new element in our population; and the signs indicate that we are about to lose an old one. The gate that opens to introduce the tide of immigration now flowing in, will admit a flood of fanatical, heretical, and skeptical ideas, which will inaugurate a new and painful era in the history of the Church. What is now passing over the North, will also come South. We must take care not to yield an inch. We must not surrender our distinctive doctrines to the times; nor suffer the great truths of Christianity to be diluted. The Southern Methodist Church must take an advanced position, and meet the enemy at the gates. May God deliver us from the threatened danger.

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and Peter A. Peterson, Assistant Secretary.

The hour of daily meeting was fixed at 9½ o'clock A. M., and of adjournment at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Presiding Elder of the Richmond District and the preachers having charge of our churches in Richmond, were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

On motion, Francis M. Edwards was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Committee to Examine Candidates for Admission; and Charles H. Hall to fill a vacancy in the Committee to Examine the Class of the Fourth Year.

The Conference appointed the following standing committees—viz:

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.—*Clerical.*—George C. Vanderslice, H. H. Gary, A. G. Brown, Alfred Wiles, Wm. G. Lumpkin, James H. Crown, Wm. E. Allen, Joseph E. Martin, Thomas M. Beckham. *Lay.*—Jeff. W. Stubbs, Wm. G. Clarke, Thomas M. Bass, W. J. Fulton, D'Arcy Paul, Wm. M. Gill, J. J. Yeates, Geo. M. Bain, Jr., T. W. Garrett.

ON EDUCATION.—*Clerical.*—John E. Edwards, Wm. E. Edwards, Wm. G. Starr, C. C. Pearson, J. E. Potts, C. H. Hall, S. S. Lambeth, W. H. Christian, J. H. Davis. *Lay.*—T. L. D. Walford, S. M. Shepherd, Thos. Whitehead, R. A. Scott, W. W. Webb, J. P. Williamson, John R. Kilby, J. C. Deming, Dr. F. J. Hancock.

ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—*Clerical.*—J. C. Granbery, Jas. M. Anderson, J. D. Blackwell, Thos. H. Boggs, B. F. Woodward, H. P. Mitchell, Geo. W. Nolley, James O. Moss, E. H. Pritchett. *Lay.*—D. S. Cowles, F. T. West, J. H. Robinson, R. P. Smith, Geo. D. Crawley, J. J. Ivey, A. S. Jordan, L. D. Travers, J. S. Quisenbury.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—*Clerical.*—E. M. Peterson, R. W. Watts, G. W. Langhorne, D. M. Wallace, Geo. N. Guy, M. S. Colonna, W. W.

Duncan, R. B. Beadles, Oscar Littleton. *Lay*.—Asa Snyder, E. B. Brown, Jacob H. Robinson, W. B. McGilvray, J. A. Wingfield, Hardy C. Williams, Wm. S. Byrd, R. H. Lyell, W. T. Webster.

On motion, the following Special Committees were appointed—viz:

ON TEMPERANCE.—*Clerical*.—R. W. Watts, H. M. Linney, John N. Jones. *Lay*.—L. D. Travers, E. B. Brown, Thos. Whitehead.

ON SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.—Asa Snyder, Dr. S. M. Shepherd, Thos. M. Bass, R. P. Smith, W. W. Webb, John R. Kilby, J. P. Williamson, J. C. Deming, T. W. Garrett.

ON RELIGIOUS INTERESTS OF COLORED PEOPLE.—*Clerical*.—R. N. Sledd, L. J. Hansberger, James D. Lumsden, Wm. I. Hunter. *Lay*.—Thos. Whitehead, Arthur S. Jordan, S. M. Shepherd.

ON BIBLE CAUSE.—James A. Duncan, Thomas A. Ware, C. C. Pearson.

ON MEMOIRS.—C. H. Hall, John M. Saunders, P. W. Archer.

ON MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.—*Clerical*.—P. A. Peterson, J. H. Davis, W. B. Rowzie, W. H. Christian, R. N. Sledd, G. W. Langhorne, J. A. Duncan, C. H. Hall, R. O. Burton. *Lay*.—Jeff. W. Stubbs, T. Whitehead, J. C. Deming, Asa Snyder, J. J. Yeates.

On motion, it was resolved that Conference conduct the examination of character with open doors.

P. A. Peterson presented a preamble and resolution memorializing the General Conference to incorporate the District Conference into the economy of the M. E. Church, South; and on his motion it was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

E. M. Peterson presented a preamble and resolution memorializing the General Conference to provide by law for an increase of the number of appointments in a Presiding Elder's district. Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

A. G. Brown presented a preamble and resolution on the same subject; which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

On motion, Conference proceeded to the examination of ministerial character.*

On motion, it was ordered that J. J. Lafferty be placed on the supernumerary list.

On motion of Robert N. Sledd, Samuel S. Lambeth and George H. Ray were appointed to serve in the place of Joseph E. Potts and John B. Dey on the Committee to Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial.

On motion of Joseph A. Proctor, the Conference extended to John Bayley, who has recently returned from his long absence in England, its Christian salutations and a hearty welcome among us.

And then the Conference adjourned:

* To save the space usually taken up in recording the names of the preachers in the order in which they are examined, we here state that the names of all the preachers were called, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 11, 1869.

The Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Doggett in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by G. W. Nolley.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A communication and annual exhibit from A. H. Redford, D. D., General Agent of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, was presented to the Conference, read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Joseph A. Proctor presented a preamble and resolution memorializing the General Conference to restore to the Discipline the provision by which deficient preachers were allowed to share in the proceeds of the Conference collection; which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

It appearing that John S. Lindsay has withdrawn from our Church, connecting himself with the Protestant Episcopal Church, and has delivered his credentials to D. P. Wills, on motion, it was ordered that his name be stricken from the roll, and the credentials filed with the papers of the Conference.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, seconded by J. A. Duncan and D'Arcy Paul, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the presence of our honored and venerable brother, Rev. Wm. A. Smith, D. D., formerly, and for so many years, a member of our Conference, affords us a high degree of satisfaction.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to Doctor Smith the expression of our profound sympathy in his deep bodily affliction, and promise him an interest in our prayers, that his health may be restored, and his valuable life long continued to the Church.

On motion, Hugh Jackson was substituted for Wm. S. Byrd, on the Committee on Sunday Schools.

On motion, Jesse J. Yeates was substituted for J. R. Kilby on the Committee on Education, and J. R. Kilby for Jesse J. Yeates on the Joint Board of Finance.

On motion, R. O. Burton and A. G. Brown were added to the Committee on the Religious Interests of the Colored People.

And then the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 12, 1869.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Doggett in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Samuel T. Moorman.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following papers were presented, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference—viz: A resolution of Jacob Manning, asking the restoration of the town of Fredericksburg

to the territory of the Virginia Conference; a resolution of Thomas Whitehead, memorializing the General Conference to amend the Discipline so as to place the Conference collection and the collection for the Bishops upon the same footing as to apportionment and distribution on the circuits, with the assessment for the support of the Presiding Elders and preachers in charge; a preamble and resolution of B. H. Johnson and J. B. Laurens, respecting the appointment of trustees of District parsonages, and the sale of such property.

Wesley C. Vaden, who was transferred to the St. Louis Conference at the last session of this body, presented a certificate of Bishop Wightman re-transferring him to this Conference; and it was ordered that his name be placed upon the roll; and he took his seat accordingly.

A communication from J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions of the M. E. Church, South, was presented to the Conference, read, and on motion, referred to the Board of Domestic Missions of this Conference.

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Resolved, That we do hereby tender them this expression of our continued remembrance and affection; and that they be assured that the memorials of their abundant labors, which are still among us, will, we trust, by the blessing of God, be perpetuated through all the history of Methodism in Virginia.

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A. H. Redford, D. D., General Book Agent of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced, and addressed the body with reference to the interests of the Publishing House.

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SATURDAY, November 13, 1869.

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Religious exercises conducted by Joseph H. Davis.

A petition from the African M. E. Church in Richmond, asking that

certain Church property belonging to the M. E. Church, South, being transferred to their control, was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on the Religious Interests of the Colored People.

Samuel T. Moorman presented a communication in relation to his work as Missionary to the State Penitentiary. Referred to the Board of Domestic Missions.

Joseph H. Davis moved that the Board of Domestic Missions be instructed to place the State Penitentiary upon the list of Missions; which, on motion, was laid upon the table for the present.

The name of Henry C. Bowles was called, and on motion, his case was referred to a committee consisting of J. D. Blackwell, L. J. Hansberger, and B. H. Johnson.

On motion, W. W. Bennett was excused from serving on the Committee on Foreign Missions; and George W. Nolley was appointed in his place.

Robert A. Armistead (who is an elder), James C. Reed, and Wm. R. Cobb, who were received on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally continued on trial; and James C. Reed and William R. Cobb were elected to deacon's orders.

David F. Hodges, Wm. P. Wright, Benjamin F. Tennille (who is a deacon), and Travis J. Taylor, who were admitted on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, were examined before the Conference by the Bishop in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline, and were severally admitted into full connection; and David F. Hodges, Charles E. Hobday, William P. Wright, and Travis J. Taylor, were elected to deacon's orders.

The Presiding Elder of the Petersburg District announced the peaceful death of Aurelius W. Holt, who was continued on trial at the last Conference.

John N. Jones, Wm. M. Jerdone, and John W. Hilldrup (deacons), who were admitted into full connection at the last Conference, passed in examination of character. The first two were elected to elder's orders, and John W. Hilldrup continued as a deacon.

Wm. G. Starr, Wm. H. Hopkins, and Herbert T. Bacon, who were continued as deacons at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally elected to elder's orders; and on motion, Herbert T. Bacon was placed on the supernumerary list.

Thos. P. Wise, who was continued as a deacon at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and on motion, a certificate of location was granted at his own request.

Wm. W. Spain and Benj. T. Ames, who were continued as deacons at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were continued as deacons; and on motion, B. T. Ames was placed on the superannuated list.

Robert A. Lee, a local preacher of South Staunton Circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that circuit as a suitable person to be ordained deacon, passed in examination of character, and was elected to deacon's orders.

James E. Gates, a local deacon of Oregon, Sidney, and Rocketts Mission, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that mission

for election to elder's orders, passed in examination of character, and was elected accordingly.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Thomas Whitehead, John R. Kilby, and James W. Blincoe.

On motion of Alexander G. Brown, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas we regret to have heard that the health of our venerable father and Bishop, John Early, has prevented his attendance upon this session of our body : Therefore

Resolved, That we assure him of our warmest sympathies in his affliction, and offer the fervent prayer that he may be abundantly sustained and comforted by the glorious gospel which he has so long and successfully proclaimed to others, and which finds so beautiful an illustration in his own laborious and exemplary life.

At the invitation of Bishop Doggett, and led by Dr. J. B. McFerrin, the Conference united in prayer in behalf of Bishop Early.

A. C. Bledsoe and Alexander M. Hall presented a recommendation to the General Conference to require candidates for ordination in the local ministry, to stand an approved examination upon the course of study prescribed for ministers in the traveling connection. Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

On motion, the subject of our educational interests was made the order of the day for Monday at 10½ o'clock A. M.

And then the Conference adjourned.

FIFT.H DAY.

MONDAY, November 15, 1869.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Doggett in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by J. D. Southall.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Education were granted permission to retire to perfect their report.

Bishop Doggett reported to the Conference that on yesterday morning, at Broad Street church, he ordained the following persons deacons—viz: James C. Reed, William R. Cobb, David F. Hodges, Charles E. Hobday, William P. Wright, Travis J. Taylor, Joseph D. Arnold, and Robert A. Lee ; and that on yesterday evening, at Centenary church, he ordained the following persons elders—viz: John N. Jones, William M. Jerdone, Wm. G. Starr, Herbert T. Bacon, Wm. H. Hopkins, and Jas. E. Gates.

On motion of D. P. Wills, P. A. Peterson was requested to publish the minutes of this session of our Conference according to the plan explained by him this morning.

On motion, B. C. Spiller was placed on the supernumerary list.

On motion, leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Wm. Grant, B. F. Woodward, and Thomas M. Bass.

Alexander G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a report in part ; which was adopted by the Conference.

On motion, the subject (educational interests) which was made the order of the day for 10½ o'clock A. M., was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the action of the Conference by which Joseph H. Riddick was placed on the supernumerary list was reconsidered.

On motion of Wm. E. Judkins, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Worship appointed by the Conference, appoint one of the preachers of this body (with an alternate) whose duty it shall be to deliver an opening sermon, at a suitable hour, on the first day of the next session, to be followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution, the Committee on Public Worship appointed James A. Duncan principal, and Wm. E. Judkins alternate. Sermon to be preached the first night of the session.

Dr. McFerrin, Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions of the M. E. Church, South, again addressed the Conference on the subject of Domestic Missions.

L. M. Lee and James A. Duncan presented a paper memorializing the General Conference to alter the provisions respecting the estimation of the salaries of preachers, and the collection of such salaries after the expiration of the Conference year; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

A resolution offered by J. A. Duncan and H. B. Cowles, proposing the introduction of the question, "What ministers are received from other Churches?" into the business of an Annual Conference, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Revs. Wm. V. Tudor and A. W. Wilson, of the Baltimore Conference, addressed the Conference with reference to aiding the Church in Washington City in building a house of worship; when, on motion of J. A. Duncan and Leo. Rosser,

Resolved, That as a Conference, we have heard with sincere pleasure the remarks of Brothers Tudor and Wilson concerning the interests of our Church in Washington City; and that it affords us high satisfaction to welcome these brethren amongst us, and to co-operate most cordially with them in the important enterprise they represent.

On motion, permission was given to those members of Conference who have been granted leave of absence, to deposit with the Secretary of the Conference their ballots for delegates to the General Conference.

Walter C. Taylor, of Surry Circuit; Richard Ferguson, of West Dinwiddie Circuit; Wm. P. Jordan and Edward M. Jordan, of Gates Circuit; Wm. E. Payne, of Northumberland Circuit; Geo. M. Wright, of King & Queen Circuit; James W. Bledsoe and John Q. Rhodes of Scottsville Circuit; and James A. Hughes, of Fluvanna Circuit, local preachers, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of their respective circuits for admission into the traveling connection on trial, passed in examination of character, and were admitted accordingly.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, November 16, 1869.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Doggett in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by Geo. W. Langhorne.

On motion, leave of absence, after to-day's session, was granted to J. S. Quisenbury, W. J. Fulton, John J. Lafferty, and W. E. Edwards.

Resolutions were presented as follows :

By Paul Whitehead and P. A. Peterson, recommending express legislation by the General Conference to prohibit the reception, by preachers in charge, of expelled members of an Annual Conference who do not give satisfactory evidence of repentance of the offence for which they were expelled.

By D. P. Wills and P. Whitehead, memorializing the General Conference to restore to the Discipline the provision for a committee of arbitration to settle difficulties.

By Geo. W. Langhorne and W. J. Norfleet, to restore the section on "Fashionable Amusements" and to make the election of stewards annual.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Wm. G. Williams, an elder, who located at a Conference held at Marshall, Texas, October 25, 1861, applied for re-admission into the traveling connection, passed in examination of character, and was re-admitted accordingly.

On motion, the action of the Conference by which Herbert T. Bacon was placed on the supernumerary list, was reconsidered, and he was placed on the superannuated list.

Robert O. Burton, Superintendent of the Work among the Colored People, made a report of his work; which was referred to the Committee on the Religious Interests of the Colored People.

On motion, it was ordered that the Conference proceed to elect delegates to the General Conference at 12 o'clock M. to-day.

H. B. Cowles offered the following resolution; which, on motion, was laid on the table for the present—viz :

Resolved, That we, the ministers of the Virginia Annual Conference, respectfully request the Bishops that they will in future commence our annual sessions on the *last Wednesday* in November of each year.

The Conference proceeded to take up the order of the day (the subject of our educational interests); and Charles H. Hall, from the Committee on Education, made a report.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to consider so much of the report as relates to Randolph Macon College, beginning with the resolutions recommended by the committee, which were discussed and severally adopted.

On motion, the Conference postponed the further consideration of the order of the day until 10½ o'clock A. M. to-morrow, and proceed to the election of delegates to the next General Conference.

The following clerical delegates were elected : Leroy M. Lee, James A. Duncan, John C. Granbery, William W. Bennett, Paul Whitehead, John E. Edwards, and Peter A. Peterson; and the following lay delegates : D'Arcy Paul, Thomas Whitehead, John R. Kilby, William M. Gill, Joseph C. Deming, Asa Snyder, and Thomas W. Garrett. The following were elected as reserves, to serve in the order of their election, in case any of the lay delegates be prevented from attending—viz : Jefferson W. Stubbs, Jesse J. Yeates, John C. Blackwell, Levi D. Travers, W. D. Quisenbury, S. M. Shepherd, and Francis T. West. The election of reserves for the clerical delegation was postponed.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, November 17, 1869.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Doggett in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by Wm. G. Lumpkin.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Leave of absence, after to-day's session, was granted to Robert P. Smith, J. A. Wingfield, Jesse J. Yeates, Joseph H. Riddick, D'Arcy Paul, F. J. Hancock, and Wm. M. Gill.

John T. Edwards (alternate), lay delegate from the Lynchburg District, appeared and took his seat.

Jesse J. Yeates offered resolutions respecting the formation of a "Contingent Fund"; which, on motion of P. A. Peterson, were laid upon the table for the present.

The Conference selected Lynchburg, Va., as the place in which to hold the next session.

On motion of George W. Langhorne, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, if consistent with his views of our economy, to appoint Wm. R. Cobb as a chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, if not contrary to the law of the Church, to appoint Leonidas Rosser General Missionary within the bounds of our Conference.

George W. Nolley, from the Committee on Foreign Missions, made a report, which was adopted. (See report "B.")

Leroy M. Lee, trustee of the fund devised by Dr. Hall, made the following report:

The undersigned, Trustee of the fund devised by the Rev. Daniel Hall for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the Virginia Conference, begs leave to submit the following report of the produce of the fund for the current year:

January 1, 1869, dividend 2 per cent. on \$1,000 State bond.....	\$20 00
Interest 10 months.....	1 00
	<hr/> \$21 00

Respectfully submitted,
RICHMOND, November, 1869.

LEROY M. LEE.

On motion, it was ordered that the said amount be paid over to the Joint Board of Finance.

The Conference took up the order of the day, the consideration of so much of the report of the Committee on Education as relates to Wesleyan Female College, Murfreesboro', N. C.

On motion of P. A. Peterson and Paul Whitehead, the resolution reported by the committee, relating to that institution, was substituted by the following:

(See resolution 5, appended to report "A," first part.)

And then, on motion, the portion of the report referring to our Female Colleges, was adopted.

On motion of P. A. Peterson and R. O. Burton,

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference, the "Evidences of Christianity" should hold a prominent place in the course of study in all our institutions of learning.

Pending the further consideration of the report on education, permission was granted to Asa Snyder, from the committee appointed at the

last Conference on the subject of life insurance of ministers, to make a report; which, on motion, was laid upon the table for the present.

The Conference then took into consideration the remainder of the report of the Committee on Education; and the resolutions respecting the organization of a Board of Managers of the "Young Preachers' Educational Fund of the Virginia Conference," were adopted, and the committee were instructed to fill the blanks in the resolutions.

And then the Conference adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY.—MORNING.

THURSDAY, November 18, 1869.

The Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Doggett in the chair.

Religious exercises conducted by Wm. B. Rowzie.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion of Geo. W. Langhorne,

Resolved, That in view of the appointment of William R. Cobb, a member of this body, to a chaplaincy in the United States Navy, he be elected to elder's orders; and Bishop Doggett is respectfully requested to ordain him an elder.

On motion, the resolution of Henry B. Cowles, respecting the time of holding the sessions of our Conference, was taken up. Wm. B. Rowzie offered a substitute; but, on motion of Joseph H. Davis, the whole subject was laid upon the table.

Rev. Wm. A. Crocker, fraternal messenger from the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church to this body, was introduced, and addressed the Conference, conveying the Christian salutations of the body he represents, and communicating information of the recent action of his Conference with respect to a corporate union of the Methodist Protestant Church and Methodist E. Church, South. And

On motion of R. O. Burton, a committee, consisting of John D. Blackwell, Geo. W. Langhorne, and Robert N. Sledd, was appointed, to whom was referred, for immediate action, the subject of Brother Crocker's communication.

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, was granted to Thomas W. Garrett, Henry C. Cheatham, Wm. E. Allen, H. P. Mitchell, James O. Moss, B. H. Johnson, and John W. Howard.

Henry C. Cheatham announced to the Conference his purpose, on account of his health, to take a transfer to the Florida Conference; when, on motion of D. P. Wills, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we regret that the health of Brother Cheatham is, in his judgment, such as to make it proper for him to take a transfer to the Florida Conference.

Resolved, That we commend him to the brethren, ministerial and lay, of the Florida Conference as a faithful and devoted minister of Christ; and that when he shall deem it proper to return to our Conference we will cordially and affectionately receive him to our fellowship and labors.

On motion of Joseph A. Proctor,

Resolved, That should Brother Cheatham's disease prove fatal, we assure him that his wife and children shall be objects of our care, and shall be placed upon the list of our Conference beneficiaries.

John E. Edwards, from the Board of Domestic Missions of this Conference, made a report.

And it was

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions be instructed to pursue the same course in making appropriations that was adopted last year; and that the preachers in charge of the appointments not *call* missions, but which are aided by missionary funds, be required to make to the Secretary of the Board the reports required of missionaries by its constitution.

On motion of W. W. Bennett,

Resolved, That this Conference regard it as very important to give special attention to missionary work among the constantly increasing German population in this country, and we request the Bishop to appoint Rev. E. N. S. Blogg superintendent of the missionary work among the Germans within the bounds of the Conference; and that we cordially invite the Baltimore Conference to unite with us in this work, and to recognize Brother Blogg as joint superintendent of the German mission work in the territory of the two Conferences.

On motion, Henry M. Linney was placed on the supernumerary list.

E. M. Peterson, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, made a report; which was read and adopted. (See report "D.")

J. D. Blackwell, from the Committee in the case of Henry C. Bowles, made a verbal report, recommending the passage of his character; which was, on motion, adopted, and his character passed accordingly.

Jas. M. Anderson, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report, pending the consideration of which it was moved and carried, that when the Conference adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 7½ o'clock P. M.

L. M. Lee in the chair.

Alex. G. Brown from the Joint Board of Finance, made a report of the apportionment of their funds to the different claimants; which was adopted, and the funds distributed.

And then the Conference adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY.—EVENING.

Conference met according to adjournment, L. M. Lee in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by the Chairman.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Wm. Willis, Jr., Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions of this Conference, made a report of the receipts and disbursements on account of foreign and domestic missions (see report "Missionary Contributions"); and it was ordered that the Treasurer remit to Dr. Munsey, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of our Church, the amount collected on Friday last to defray the foreign missionary debt; and that the remainder of the funds collected for foreign missions, in the hands of the Treasurer, be remitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church, South.

John E. Edwards, from the Board of Domestic Missions of this Conference, made a report of appropriations for the coming year, with a resolution authorizing the local Domestic Mission Board, formed in the city of Richmond, to supervise and support the domestic mission work in and around Richmond and Manchester; which was adopted. (See report "C.")

The Conference proceeded to elect officers and managers of the Board of Domestic Missions, with the following result:

John E. Edwards, President; Asa Snyder, Vice-President; Joseph

A. Proctor, Secretary; Willim Wills, Jr., Treasurer. **MANAGERS.**—
Clerical.—L. M. Lee, J. C. Granbery, C. H. Hall, J. P. Garland, and
 Benjamin F. Woodward. *Lay.*—George L. Bidgood, E. P. Hudgins,
 Charles P. Rady, and Sainuel Putney.

P. A. Peterson, from the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference, made a report; and a minority of said committee—viz: P. A. Peterson, R. O. Burton, and Wm. H. Christian—made a report recommending the restoration of the rule giving deficient preachers a share in the Conference collection, pending the consideration of which the Conference adjourned.

NINTH DAY.—MORNING.

FRIDAY, November 19, 1869.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Doggett in the chair. Religious exercises conducted by J. C. Granbery.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Bishop Doggett reported to the Conference that to-day, in this place, he ordained Wm. R. Cobb an elder, in accordance with the resolution of Conference adopted yesterday.

The following question of law, arising in the business of this Conference on a previous day of the session, and the response thereto of the presiding Bishop, were laid before Conference, and ordered to be recorded on the Journal—viz:

Question—Is it necessary that a member of an annual Conference, who was ordained deacon and elder as a *local* minister, and subsequently admitted into full membership in the Conference after traveling as an itinerant two full years, and passing approved examinations upon the studies of the first and second years in the course prescribed by the Bishops, should be examined upon the studies of the third and fourth years?

PAUL WHITEHEAD,
 P. A. PETERSON.

Answer—I decide that, in my judgment, it is the purport of the law of the Church that a local preacher entering into the traveling connection on trial, whether as deacon or elder, is required to stand the four years' examination exacted of candidates for the itinerant ministry.

D. S. DOGGETT.

Charles Brown, a colored local preacher of Farmville Station, being recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that station for admission into the traveling connection in the Colored Conference of Virginia, should one be formed, passed in examination of character; and it was moved and carried that he be elected to deacon's orders in our Church, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Quarterly Conference of the Farmville Station.

The statistics of the Conference were reported in answer to questions 16, 17, and 18 of the Discipline, page 48. (See "General Statistics.") Charles H. Hall, from the Committee on Education, reported the following to fill blanks in the resolutions adopted on Tuesday and

Wednesday—viz: 1. Recommending W. W. Bennett as agent of Randolph Macon College. 2. Fixing the first Wednesday in May, 1870, as a day of prayer for our colleges. 3. Nominating Richmond city as the location of the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Educational Fund. 4. Fixing the number of managers at nine—five clerical and four lay. 5. Nominating the following persons as managers—viz: John E. Edwards, John C. Granbery, James A. Duncan, Joseph A. Proctor, D. P. Wills, Richard Irby, Stephen Putney, E. P. Hudgins, and C. C. Walters; all of which were confirmed; and on motion, the report of the Committee on Education was adopted as a whole; and the Joint Board of Finance instructed to apportion the amount of \$2,500, to be raised for Randolph Macon College, among the different districts of the Conference. (See report "A.")

James A. Duncan, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, made a report; which was adopted. (See report "E.")

Robert N. Sledd, from the Committee on the Religious Interests of the Colored People, made a report; which was discussed and adopted. (See report "F.")

The Conference resumed the consideration of the report on Publishing Interests; which was discussed and adopted. (See report "N.")

On motion of Wm. B. Rowzie,

Resolved, That J. A. Proctor, J. E. Edwards, and J. C. Granbery, be appointed a committee to ascertain the amount of indebtedness* of the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, and report to the next session of this Conference.

Leave of absence, for the remainder of the session, was granted to Paul Whitehead, C. H. Hall, James E. McSparran, Joseph H. Davis, and Charles E. Hobday.

Dr. Wm. A. Smith made a brief address to the Conference, expressing the pleasure afforded him by his visit, and his unabated love and esteem for the body.

J. D. Blackwell, from the committee appointed to prepare a response to the message conveyed from the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church by Rev. Wm. A. Crocker, made a report, pending the consideration of which

The Conference adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.

NINTH DAY.—EVENING.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Doggett in the chair. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Conference resumed the consideration of the report on the message from the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; which, after discussion and amendment, was adopted. (See report "G.")

On motion, the following committee was appointed (as provided for in the foregoing report) to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, to arrange for a union of the two Churches in Virginia, in case the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, to meet in 1870, should

* This refers to debts contracted when the *Advocate* was the property of the Conference.
P. A. P.

refuse to sanction the proposition for union—viz: Leroy M. Lee, G. W. Langhorne, R. M. Smith. *Alternates*—John E. Edwards, A. G. Brown, Joseph C. Deming.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by Jas. M. Anderson, were adopted :

Whereas our brother, L. S. Reed, finds it to be his duty to take a transfer to the Baltimore Conference : Therefore

1. *Resolved*, That we deeply regret the necessity of such action on the part of our brother.
2. *Resolved*, That should he at any time think proper to return to this Conference, we promise him a cordial welcome.

On motion, Joseph H. Riddick and Thomas H. Diggs were placed on the supernumerary list.

On motion, the Joint Board of Finance was directed to pay a bill for incidental expenses, amounting to \$16.25.

On motion of A. G. Brown, it was

1. *Resolved*. That the Presiding Elders be requested to see that the District Stewards make the assessment of the Presiding Elder's Claim, the Bishop's Fund, and the Conference Collection, in accordance with the ability of the circuits and stations.

2. *Resolved*, That the stewards of circuits and stations are required by the law to accept in good faith the assessment of these claims made by the District Stewards.

3. *Resolved*, That the Presiding Elders and preachers see that the stewards of circuits and stations distribute the funds raised for the support of the ministry, among the several claimants, according to the law of the Church, and that the stewards make their reports accordingly.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a final report, showing the amount assessed and collected for ministerial support and Bishops Fund for 1869; also, answers to Minute questions 19 and 20, Discipline page 48; and giving the assessments for Conference Collection, Bishops' Fund, and for Randolph Macon College, for the ensuing year. All of which was adopted. (See Financial Exhibit.)

On motion of W. W. Bennett, it was

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to fix the time of holding the sessions of this Conference, not earlier than the fourth Wednesday in November, nor later than the first Wednesday in December.

The Conference resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference; which was adopted. (See report "M.")

On motion of Asa Snyder, the report of the Committee on the Life Insurance of Ministers was taken up, and, after discussion, was adopted. (See report H.)

On motion, the following committee was appointed to procure an act of incorporation for the Preachers' Aid Society, as recommended in the foregoing report—viz: John R. Kilby, Asa Snyder, Geo. M. Bain, Jr., W. K. Watts, Jesse J. Yeates, and J. C. Deming.

Asa Snyder, from the Committee on the Support of the Ministry, presented a report; which was adopted. (See report "K.")

R. W. Watts, from the Committee on Temperance, made a report; which was adopted. (See report "L.")

On motion of John E. Edwards, the Conference proceeded to elect four clerical *reserve* delegates to the General Conference; and the following were elected—viz: A. G. Brown, G. W. Langhorne, W. B. Rowzie, and Leonidas Rosser.

On motion, the paper presented by J. J. Yeates respecting a "Contingent Fund," and which was laid on the table at a previous session, was taken up, and, on motion of E. M. Peterson, indefinitely postponed.

On motion, it was ordered that a collection to defray the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference be taken up in the month of March, and that the amount raised be forwarded to L. M. Lee.

P. W. Archer, from the Committee on Memoirs, made a report; which was read and adopted. (See "Memoirs.")

On motion of D. P. Wills, it was

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to our beloved Bishop Doggett for the able, courteous, and patient manner in which he has presided over our deliberations.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are tendered,

1. To the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for their services during the present session.
2. To the citizens of Bichmond for their generons and elegant hospitality
3. To the pastors and congregations of other denominations who have tendered their pulpits to our preachers.
4. To the managers of the varions lines of public conveyance who have extended accommodations to the members of this body.

The Bishop announced the clerical members of the Joint Board of Finance. (See page 2.)

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

The Bishop then announced the appointments for the ensuing year; after which the benediction was pronounced, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

DAVID S. DOGGETT, *President.*

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Secretary.*

III.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Rev. A. H. Redford, D. D.....	Agent Pub. House	M. E. Church, South.
" J. B. McFerrin, D. D....	Sec'y Board Dom. Miss.	M. E. Church, South.
" W. E. Munsey, D. D....	See'y Board For. Miss.	M. E. Church, South.
" Wm. A. Smith, D. D.....		St. Louis Conference.
" J. B. Jeter, D. D.....		Baptist Church.
" C. H. Read, D. D.....		Presbyterian Church.
" M. D. Hoge, D. D.....		" "
" Wm. E. Hill.....		" "
" R. S. Moran, D. D.....		North Carolina Conference.
" Thos. E. Bond, M. D.....		Baltimore Conference.
" J. Poisal, D. D.....		" "
" John L. Clarke.....		" "
" A. W. Wilson.....		" "
" W. V. Tudor.....		" "
" Geo. G. Smith.....		" "

IV.

REPORTS.

EDUCATION.—“A.”

I.—THE SUBJECT GENERALLY, AND OUR COLLEGES.

The Committee on Education respectfully submit the following report:

The importance of this subject may be viewed in its relation to the general education of our people, and also as it relates to the education of young men called to the work of the ministry. In either view, it is a matter of the highest moment. The enlarged facilities for the intellectual elevation of the masses is so peculiarly the great feature of this age, that it is hardly necessary to do more than call the attention of the Church to the same, and to indicate the extent to which we are in harmony with this general movement. At no period since the revival of literature has the general diffusion of learning been so great as at present. The intellect of the age is undergoing a universal quickening. Our children are deserting the narrow paths of our fathers, holding the past in esteem only so far as its lessons aid in solving the problems of the present, or help to shape and fashion the future. A thousand facilities of intercourse between man and man have opened new avenues for the transmission of thought, while the almost universal fusion of society has caused, everywhere, interests to collide and opinions to conflict. No organization can govern, amid events like these, which has not furnished itself for this conflict of opinions. A moral reform of ordinary force may play along the outer limits of this great movement. A Church of ordinary gifts and grace may follow in its wake, and gather up and mourn over the wrecks which strew its path. But the highest endowments of heart and of intellect, with which God has blessed humanity, must be consecrated to Him before a Church can advance into the centre of such a movement, and grapple the elements which rule it, and subordinate them to its own control. We know that the strength of sin is two fold—the corruption of the heart, which is its stronghold, and the errors of opinion, which are its outer works and defences. To perfect the regeneration of society, we must be prepared to master both of these positions. An untutored Church, among an untutored people, may do this work. But education and a cultivated intellect are indispensable to success, if the Church would rise into the higher grades of society, and, by subduing the masters of thought, make itself the great leader of public opinion.

If this be true of the Church in general, it is eminently so of its ministry. They cannot hope to lead, but only to follow, unless they be endowed with the qualifications of leaders. A call to the ministry should not be responded to with inconsiderate haste. Thirty years of training followed the setting apart of the Baptist and the beginning of his ministry. God's call to the great work should, more often than otherwise, be construed as a call to prepare; not to rush with presumptuous haste, unfurnished into the work. God can afford to wait while He is fitting His instruments for their mission. Waiting, and then working, and working and then waiting, have been the universal rules of His providence and His grace. God is never in a hurry. In all the domain of nature, He has never taken for use an imperfect instrument, where patient waiting would have matured its perfection. And in the operations of His providence, long years intervene between the first tuition of His grace and that developed growth of character which makes the Christian like a city on a hill, or a light on a candlestick.

If we be unable or unwilling to take this position for our people and for our preachers, and thus determine the future, both of the Conference and of the Church, there are others ready to step to the front and assume it for themselves. A great crisis is upon our country in its moral and religious aspects. The old days of quiet for our Church are gone; and there are coming days of conflict with infidelity in its thousand forms. The great problem of the conversion of the world is to be solved in our very midst. God has set this land midway between the teeming millions of the East and the West of the Old World. And He is bringing to our very doors the infidelity of the one and the idolatry of the other, that we may absorb them into, and fashion them after, our higher civilization. Our institutions of learning are among God's mightiest appliances to qualify us for this work. If we fail to take advantage of this extended aid, we must fall into the rear, and become hewers of wood and drawers of water (as we are too much already), while others possess the land and apportion the inheritance. Intellect, and cultivated intellect only, can govern the intellectual development of an age, whether the candidate for the mastery be in the forum or the pulpit.

In accordance with these great wants of the Church, we have had in successful operation for many years several institutions of learning of high grade, furnishing thorough instruction to the youth of the Church. At the head of these stands Randolph Macon College, located at Ashland, Va. This institution, under the presidency of Rev. James A. Duncan, D. D., offers great facilities of education to the young men of the Church, and especially to such as wish to make thorough preparation for the ministry. Besides the academic course common to our colleges, the President has instituted, in effect, a Chair of Biblical Literature, and at great expense of time, and means, and labor, has provided—what has long been wanted—a systematic course of Biblical instruction. Assisted by an able corps of Professors, he cannot fail to make the College a success, if the patronage and support of the Church correspond to the ability and zeal of the Faculty of the institution. The College cannot prosper without an endowment, and the Church is earnestly solicited to respond liberally to the appeals of the agent in its behalf. Rev. W. B. Rowzie reports that during the past year \$23,179 have been collected; of which \$10,000 were raised by Drs. Duncan, Granbery, Bennett, and others; and \$13,179 by himself. There are now at the College ninety-eight students, twenty-three of whom are preparing for the ministry; of these latter, seven are from the Baltimore Conference.

Wesleyan Female College, located at Murfreesboro', N. C., under the care of Rev. Paul Whitehead, President, is a Conference institution, built and owned by the Church, and is in a flourishing condition. One embarrassment limits its usefulness. It is encumbered with a debt of \$12,000, contracted before the war. The College cannot realize its full measure of prosperity while this debt hangs over it. During the past year it has had ninety pupils in attendance.

The Danville Female College, under the care of the Rev. J. C. Blackwell, is a Methodist institution, and desires to be recognized by the Conference. Its prospects are good, and under its able Faculty should succeed.

In Petersburg, Va., we have two colleges of first grade for females. The Petersburg Female College, of which Major R. W. Jones is President, and the Southern Female College, Wms. T. Davis, President. Both of these institutions are in a flourishing condition, and accomplishing in that community a great work for the Church.

The Female Collegiate Institute, at Richmond, Va., under the care of Leroy S. Edwards and E. E. Parham, is in a prosperous state, and is an institution in every way worthy of encouragement.

In reference to these educational enterprises of the Church, the committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That, recognizing the indispensable necessity of Randolph Macon College to the Church, and calling to mind the great work it has accomplished in the past, we heartily commend it to the patronage of our people, and ask for it a generous and liberal support.

2. *Resolved*, That the Bishops be requested to appoint an agent for the College; and that Rev. W. W. Bennet be assigned to that work.

3. *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered the Society of Alumni for

their efforts to raise a fund of \$20,000 for the endowment of a Professorship in the institution.

4. *Resolved*, That having heard of the resignation of Rev. Wm. B. Rowzie as Agent of Randolph Macon College, and knowing as we do his great labors and success in raising funds for the institution, he is hereby tendered, as he so richly deserves, the thanks of this Conference for his untiring devotion to his work.

5. *Resolved*. That the following resolutions of the Board of Trustees be adopted:

"1st. That we request the Virginia Conference to order that the deficiency in the yearly revenues of the College, which shall be reported by the Board of Trustees to each annual session of the Conference, shall be divided among all the districts of the Conference, and sub-divided among all the stations and circuits by the District stewards, as is the case in regard to the Conference collection, and shall be raised by collections in every congregation, and embraced in the annual report of the Recording Steward of every charge to the Financial Board of the Conference.

"2d. That the Conference be requested to appoint next May as the time for taking up this collection.

"3d. That when the Conference adopt the plan proposed above, all its ministers shall be entitled to send their sons, of proper age and acquirements, to college without payment of tuition fees; that the Baltimore Conference, by adopting the same plan, shall be entitled to the same privilege; and that \$2,500 be fixed as the amount to be raised by each of these Conferences for the next year.

"4th. That the Conference be requested to appoint a day of prayer for the success of the College."

6. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as Wesleyan Female College is peculiarly a Conference institution, it is deserving of especial notice and commendation; and we hereby present it to our people at large as an institution eminently worthy of their patronage; and that we request the Bishop to appoint Rev. W. B. Rowzie as its agent.

II.—YOUNG PREACHERS' EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The Committee desire further to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the education of young men, called of God to the work and office of the ministry; and that even after an applicant for admission into the Conference has passed an *approved* examination before the committee, if his educational advantages have been inferior, and his literary and theological training is below a fair average standard of qualification for his work, we would recommend that such applicant be advised to devote further time to preparation for the pastorate, provided, the facilities for such further preparations can be commanded by the candidate.

Resolved, That in lieu of some other and more feasible plan, which may hereafter be suggested for the raising of funds for this object, we recommend the following plan to the favorable consideration of the Conference—viz:

1st. That a Board of Managers,* to be located at Richmond, and known under the name and title of *The Board of Managers of the Young Preachers' Educational Fund of the Virginia Conference*, (empowered to elect its own officers, and fill vacancies in the interval of the Conference), be elected by this Conference, whose duty it shall be to hold all the funds raised for the education of young men called to the work of the ministry, and looking to admittance into the Virginia Conference, and apply the same as their wisdom and judgment may direct for the benefit of such young men as may be placed under their care, as hereinafter provided.

2d. That the preachers in charge of all our circuits and stations be earnestly requested, as far as practicable, to organize societies in their respective charges, embracing, especially, the *ladies and children* of our congregations, for the purpose of raising funds to aid in this work, and

* For the members of the Board, and various recommendations of the Committee which were adopted by the Conference, see Journal of Proceedings page 16.

that in lieu of such organizations, such other proper methods and devices as may promise the greatest results, be employed for raising money, and that all the funds thus raised by the preachers and others be remitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

3d. That the editor of the *Richmond Christian Advocate* be requested to keep a *standing appeal* in his columns in behalf of this association, with the request that all funds donated for this object, outside of the plan above suggested, be remitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

4. That the Board shall not be allowed to use the funds thus raised for any other object than in assisting such young men as may be turned over to their care, either by this Conference or by the Quarterly Conferences, under the endorsement and recommendation of the Presiding Elders, after satisfactory evidence that the candidate is called to the work and office of the ministry, and looks to admittance into the Virginia Conference as an itinerant minister.

C. H. HALL, *Chairman.*

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—“B.”

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions, beg leave to report that,

After hearing the able discourse upon this subject, delivered in this church on Friday last, by our excellent Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Munsey, we deem it unnecessary to make any other remark, either in the way of statement or argument, but submit the following resolutions for the adoption of the Conference:

Resolved, That we hold ourselves bound, in the first instance, by every consideration of honor, of justice, and of gratitude, to pay the debt that is due on account of the China Mission, and for this purpose we advise all our city pastors to raise a collection in all their congregations on the first Sabbath in January next, and all our circuit pastors to do the same thing in their respective congregations, commencing on the first Sunday in February, and continuing from Sabbath to Sabbath till they complete the circle of their appointments.

Resolved, We advise our preachers to organize all our Sabbath schools into juvenile missionary societies, with a small monthly contribution to the cause of missions, one-half of which shall be appropriated to Domestic and the other half to Foreign Missions, at least until this debt shall have been paid.

Resolved, When this incubus shall have been removed, we consider ourselves bound, as a Church, to address ourselves with increased zeal and activity to the extension and support of our Foreign Missionary operations, until the whole world shall be converted to God.

GEORGE W. NOLLEY, *Chairman.*

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—“C.”

The Board of Domestic Missions of the Virginia Conference report that, at the last session of the Conference, with the approval of Bishop Wightman and the Presiding Elders, the term *mission* was stricken from the list of appointments; the Board, therefore, have no report to make of Domestic Missionary labors or statistics. This position places us, as a Conference, in rather an awkward relation to the Domestic

Mission Board of our Church, and subjects us to the criticism, if not the censure, of the General Conference. We raise, by appeals to our congregations, funds to aid in our Domestic Missionary Work, and while we apply them to the aid of *weak* appointments that are unable to support their ministers, and which are, *in a sense*, missionary ground; we nevertheless make no report to the Parent Board of any home missionary labors. It remains for this Conference to say whether we shall *continue* in this anomalous relation to the Domestic Mission Board at Nashville. In the judgment of your Conference Board, all the appointments asking for and receiving appropriations from the Domestic Mission funds of this Conference should be put down as *Domestic Missions*, and should report to the Board as such; and if such appointments are unwilling to be placed in the category of *missions*, the appropriations should not be made. By adopting this plan, our position is fully defined, and our work is rendered plain and simple; but, adhering to our present plan, it is impossible to give satisfaction, either to preachers or people. In the long run, it will prejudice our collections for Domestic Mission work, and end in difficulties from which we cannot easily extricate ourselves. We reiterate what we have said once and again in our previous annual reports, that it would be better to take under our care such appointments as are willing to be known as domestic missions, and to appropriate, for their benefit *only*, such funds as may be in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of each annual session. This will restore us to a safe and satisfactory basis of operations, and relieve us from our present embarrassing position. If this should be declined by the Conference, it would be better to dissolve our present organization, and allow the Board of Finance to receive and disburse the funds raised for Domestic Mission purposes, under the direction and sanction of the Conference.

Your Board has had several meetings during the year, but have projected no new missions. Only one new mission has been proposed during the present Conference session. It is a field lying principally in Campbell and Bedford counties, adjacent to the village of Leesville, in which there are more than one hundred church members, with the prospect of rapidly increasing the number, and enlarging the field so as to make it, in a short time, a self-sustaining circuit, provided it can receive some aid at this Conference to assist it in supporting a preacher. It is proposed to call it the Leesville Mission, and to ask for it an appropriation of at least \$150.

A *Local Mission Board* has been organized in the city of Richmond, under the sanction and approval of the Conference Mission Board, which asks permission of the Conference to undertake and support the Domestic Mission work in and around Richmond and Manchester, embracing Sidney, Oregon, Rocketts, the Valley, and the Penitentiary.

After paying the appropriations made by the last Conference, the Treasurer reports about \$1,000 subject to the order of the Board. His report will furnish a detailed statement of all the receipts and disbursements during the year. It will be remembered that the appropriations made at the last Conference were very largely in excess of the funds in hand, and the payment of this excess, out of the receipts of the year just now at a close, leaves on hand a comparatively small amount to be appropriated at the present session. Nor can it be appropriated by the Board until the Conference decides whether it shall be applied to Domestic Missions, *known and recognized as such*, or whether it shall be applied to aid weak appointments in the support of a pastor. Acting under the Constitution of the Domestic Mission Board of the Virginia Conference, made and adopted by the Conference itself, we cannot recommend any other appropriations of our limited funds than such as are provided for in the charter you have given us, unless we are directed so to do by the positive order of the Conference that originated the organization we represent. There is no indisposition on the part of your Board to make such appropriations as may meet the wishes of the controlling majority of the Conference; but we, as a *Board*, have no rights, under our charter, to make appropriations for any other work than such as are designated Domestic Missions. We therefore wait for the action of the Conference on this subject.

The Board recommended the following appropriations for the coming year:

Goochland Circuit, Charlottesville District.....	\$200 00
Big Island, Lynchburg District.....	200 00
Leesville Mission, Lynchburg District.....	150 00
Ringgold and Banister, Danville District.....	300 00
Dan River, Danville District.....	100 00
Prince George, Petersburg District.....	100 00
Currituck, Murfreesboro' District.....	150 00
Second Street, Portsmouth, Norfolk District.....	200 00
Caroline, Rappahannock District.....	400 00
Culpeper, Rappahannock District.....	300 00
King George, Rappahannock District.....	150 00
Total.....	<u>\$2,250 00</u>

JOHN E. EDWARDS, *President.*

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—“D.”

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to present the following report:

Judging from the Sunday School statistics of the present year, there has been a most gratifying increase in the number of Sunday School workers and scholars throughout a large portion of our Conference. The Norfolk District alone, shows an increase of 988 scholars over the number reported last year. We deem it deserving of special notice, that through the indefatigable exertions of Rev. D. F. Hodges, one appointment in the Danville District reports 500 more scholars on the Sunday School roll than were reported last year.

The Rev. John G. Rowe, since his appointment as Agent of the State Sunday School Society, has been actively engaged in visiting the rural districts within our bounds, and his earnest efforts and appeals in behalf of the cause of Sunday Schools has helped to awaken a deeper interest on the subject. It is much to be regretted, however, that the meagre reports from some of our appointments seem to indicate a woful lack of sympathy with the great work of Sunday School instruction. It is to be feared that some of our ministers do not feel that interest in the subject which its importance demands. The prosperity of the Church and the welfare of souls depend much on the active co-operation of our ministers and membership in Sunday School instruction. The age, the Church, and society, demand preachers who love the Sunday School work. Other denominations realize the value of the Sunday School, and are putting forth strenuous efforts to bring the children under its influence. The love of Christ and the welfare of our Church call upon us to do the same, and if we fail to do it we shall be highly culpable. Next to the institution of the Christian ministry, the Sunday School system, faithfully carried out, is the most promising agency for saving souls that has ever been devised. As a confirmation of this view, we have only to refer to the fact that the Sunday School statistics of a prominent denomination in the United States show that 340,000 converts were gathered from their Sunday School into their Church during the past nineteen years. The Sunday School rests its claim to support upon the Word of God; it appeals to scripture commands and scripture promises; it points to thousands of redeemed ones—the monuments of its efficiency—who bow in Jehovah's presence praising Him, that on earth He directed their youthful feet to the Sunday School, where first they heard of a Saviour's love and first felt the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit drawing their tender hearts to love and serve their God. Think of Carey—who unsealed the fountain of living waters to millions of heathens—who, when a poor boy, received his first religious impressions in a Sunday School. Think of the thousands to-day, bearing the tidings of salvation to a ruined world, who were brought to Jesus through the instru-

mentality of the Sunday School—think of the tens of thousands gathered from homes where they have no religious training, who are now under the reforming and sanctifying influence of our Sunday Schools; and can we, in view of these facts, over-estimate their importance?

It is sad to think that a minister of Christ can feel indifferent to aught that concerns his Sunday School. The minister and the school have the same end in view, they are dependent on each other; neither can prosper alone. A oneness, a sympathy, a spirit stirring cordiality, must exist between them, or either the minister will get wrong with his people, or the school will wane for lack of that aid which he alone, on account of his position, can give. The pastor ought to lend his utmost aid and influence to give efficiency and a right direction to the Sunday School under his care.

In the judgment of your committee, the Sunday School should be considered a part, and an important part, of the pastoral charge, so that the minister shall feel that he is to be the guide of the teachers; and that he is to keep the church awake and alive to the importance of the school; and that he is to do what he can to create an interest, on the part of the parents, in the congregation; so that it shall be cherished by all as a valuable auxiliary to the church.

The duties of parents to Sunday Schools are plain. The late Dr. Leland, after an experience of many years, said: "I have no hesitation in declaring it to be my settled conviction, that Sunday School instruction is to children what the preaching of the Word of God is to adults." If this be true, and we believe it is, what right have parents to deprive their children of a means of grace so suited to their tender minds, and so likely, under the Divine blessing, to save them from eternal ruin. We affectionately warn parents against the error that the Sunday School is a substitute for their own exertions. It is to assist, not to supersede their endeavors. The school is not designed to take the place of parental instruction, discipline, and example. Let parents support the Sunday School, and then the promise of God will be verified: "I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring; and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses."

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we will endeavor to keep our country Sunday Schools in operation during the winter season.
2. That we request the Bishop to appoint a General Sunday School Agent.
3. That we commend the *Sunday School Visitor* as a good Sunday School paper, and request our delegates to the General Conference to use their influence to make it better.
4. That we will endeavor to organize Sunday Schools among the colored people.

E. M. PETERSON, *Chairman.*

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.—“E.”

The importance of the great object contemplated by the Bible Society of Virginia is too well understood, and too fully appreciated, to make it necessary that your committee should attempt to magnify it. It is, perhaps, sufficient for us, as a Conference, simply to reiterate our oft repeated expressions of cordial and unabated appreciation of this great cause, our readiness to co-operate with its essential agencies, and the deep gratification we find in all its achievements.

We learn from the annual report of the Board of Managers of the Virginia Bible Society, that “in place of a *General Agent* it is now proposed to secure the services of three pious and energetic young men, ministers or laymen, to ascertain the destitution of the Scriptures existing in every county in Virginia, and report the same to the Board of Managers, that means may be adopted for the immediate supply of such destitution; and to solicit contributions in each county, and, as far as possible, from every

friend of the cause, and to remit the funds so collected promptly to the Treasurer. For such services these collectors will be allowed each \$500 per annum, with their traveling expenses." Contributions from all sources last year amounted to \$2,804.73; disbursements, 2,050.80.

The Depository had on hand at the opening of the year, 499 Bibles, 1,485 Testaments, and 247 parts of the Bible. To this stock were added during the year, by purchase from the American Bible Society, 842 Bibles, 1,579 Testaments, and 125 parts of the Bible; by gift from the American Bible Society, 1,500 Bibles and 4,000 Testaments. Distributed gratuitously, 956 Bibles, 1,598 Testaments. Issued to agents and auxiliaries, 1,203 Bibles, 2,444 Testaments, and 142 parts of the Bible. Delivered to life members and life directors, 53 Bibles, 187 Testaments. Sold at Depository, 137 Bibles, 1,732 Testaments, and 30 parts of the Bible. Now on hand, 499 Bibles, 1,101 Testaments, and 200 parts of the Bible.

Your committee think it unnecessary to offer any special resolutions for your adoption, believing it sufficient that, through this report, we convey to the Society our Christian assurances of cordial sympathy with its great objects and important efforts of its agents.

JAS. A. DUNCAN, *Chairman.*

ON RELIGIOUS INTERESTS OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.—“F.”

The committee appointed to consider the religious interests of the colored people within the bounds of this Conference beg leave to report:

At the last session of this body the following resolution was adopted, viz—"That the necessary steps be taken at this session to organize, as soon as practicable, an Annual Conference for colored people, to be called 'The Virginia Conference for the Colored people,' over which our Bishops shall for the present preside, as provided by the Discipline."

The year has passed by, and nothing worthy of mention has been done towards the accomplishment of the end proposed in this resolution. No new congregations have been gathered, no new societies formed, and only one new Sabbath School established, of which your committee have any knowledge. There may have been an increase in the membership of the societies that were already existing; but, if so, it has not been of sufficient magnitude to excite attention, or call for special remark. There has been but little if any advance in this work beyond the position occupied twelve months ago.

We would express our regret that these things are so did we not regard them as providential, and beyond our control. Our Superintendent of Colored Missions and our Ministry generally have been ready and willing to hold forth the word of life to these people—our quarterly Conferences have been ready to receive and license, and our Bishops to ordain, those among them who may be called of God to preach the gospel. But the door, in most places, has been closed against us. We have knocked, but the bolt has not been drawn; there has been no response from within. Under influences inimical to us, they have been gathered into other folds, and are following other shepherds. We have apparently been to them as the stranger whose voice the sheep know not and from whom they fly.

But we rejoice to believe that many of the impediments in the way of our success, growing out of the excited state of the country during the present year, have passed away to reappear no more, and that many of the causes of irritation and disturbance have been buried, no more to revive to alienate this race from us, and consequently deeply injure their spiritual interests and prospects. The worthy Superintendent, who has recently visited various localities in the prosecution of his mission, and who, in addition to his public ministrations, has conversed freely and fully with

many of them, reports a growing appreciation among them of the interest of our church in their behalf, and an increasing readiness to hear and place themselves under the spiritual guidance of our ministry. While, therefore, the past has been almost entirely fruitless, the present gives encouraging promise of a future harvest.

A good degree of success has attended the efforts of the Church in this field in some of the Conferences; and we doubt not that patient labor, inspired by the love of Christ, and guided by wisdom and prudence, will, with us also, achieve the happiest results. Let us, then, enter the field at every practicable point, and take possession and cultivate it in the name of the Lord of the Vineyard. Let prejudices be buried; let inertness be substituted by action, coldness by zeal, apathy by fervor, and the memory of supposed or real wrongs by a love of souls that will cause all that name Christ's name to pray, and labor, and give, that these, his redeemed, may be rescued from sin and preserved from error. Combined and persistent effort, now that the providential indications are more favorable, will be, beyond a reasonable doubt, crowned with a success far in advance of anything that we have yet witnessed.

Your committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions, viz:

1st. That the Presiding Bishop of this Conference be, and is hereby, requested to organize at the earliest practicable day a Conference of colored members within our bounds.

2d. That, until such organization is effected, the Presiding Elders and preachers in charge be requested to form the societies within the limits of their respective Districts into Circuits, supplying them with colored preachers wherever practicable, and giving to each such charge its own quarterly Conference, as provided in the Discipline.

3d. That all the members of this Conference be urged to use their best efforts in their respective charges to interest the Church and people in this work, that it may be rendered a success.

4th. That the office of Superintendent of Colored Missions be discontinued in view of the scarcity of missionary funds and the urgency of prior claims; and that this work be intrusted to the godly judgment, Christian prudence, and fidelity of the Presiding Elders of the several Districts, with instructions to them to report in writing its condition at the next session of this body.

5th. That the property owned by us and formerly used by the colored people of our Church shall in no case be relinquished to other organizations, but be retained by us for the use of the Colored Conference to be formed as above mentioned.

R. N. SLEDD, *Chairman.*

ON COMMUNICATION FROM VIRGINIA CONFERENCE, METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.—“G.”

The committee to whom was referred the communication made to this body by the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, through its messenger, Rev. W. A. Crocker, beg leave to redort:

The Church of God, the true disciples of Christ, are one in heart and in purpose. Whatever name they bear, if loyal to Christ, they love the brethren. Oneness of aim and supreme love to a common Lord, and not name and organization, is the bond that unites the followers of Christ. “Whosoever doeth the will of my Father in Heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother.” Supreme love assimilates us to the character we love, and if we love Christ supremely, our affections must go out after those who are like Him. Loving Christ, we love character, and if His followers have His spirit and bear His image, love to them is a necessity of our renewed nature. Hereby “we know that we have passed from

death unto life, because we love the brethren." The Christian Church is one in heart and aim; but, to the eye of the world, there is division and antagonism. Separate ecclesiastical organizations, founded on difference of doctrine or of polity, seem a necessity of our fallen nature. As we grow in knowledge and in charity, these differences are lessened and removed, organizations combine, and the advancing Church of God not only possesses unity of heart, but presents unity in form. Divisions in the Church, even as to polity—as to modes and methods of achieving a common end—have at least an *appearance* of evil.

We therefore hail with pleasure the movement of the Virginia Conference of the M. P. Church, communicated to us through its messenger, Rev. Wm. A. Crocker, and offer for the adoption of this Conference the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we cordially reciprocate the fraternal feelings of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and rejoice to learn of their purpose to effect organic union with the M. E. Church South.

2. *Resolved*, That as the respective General Conferences of the two Churches, to be convened in 1870, will have this subject under consideration, we give it as our judgment that organic union of these two divisions of the Church of Christ will redound to the glory of God and to the furtherance of our holy religion.

3. *Resolved*, That this Conference appoint a Committee of Three—two clerical and one lay member—so that, should the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, which is to convene in 1870, refuse to sanction the proposition to unite with the M. E. Church South, then the committee aforesaid shall meet an equal number of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, to arrange a plan of effecting the proposed union of the two Churches.

JOHN D. BLACKWELL, *Chairman.*

ON LIFE INSURANCE.—"H."

The Committee appointed by the last Conference "to consider and report the best method of promoting the life insurance of the ministers of this Conference," in making response, beg leave to say, for the information of members who have not turned their attention to the subject, that life insurance can be safely undertaken, only by those who have a reasonable expectation of receiving year by year, for the remainder of life an income in excess of their expenditures; since, in the event of failure to pay the premiums at the time due, the payments already made by the assured cease at once to bear interest, and loss and disappointment ensue to the party interested. We are clearly of opinion, the *regular* system of life insurance, and *not* voluntary benevolent associations, is the best for adoption by any individual who is able to comply with the terms required by the insurance companies; but we are equally satisfied that the Conference as a body cannot take any direct action to promote insurance on the lives of its several members without involving the body in the same difficulty just mentioned, and to a more serious extent than attends the action of a single individual.

We will venture to suggest to Conference that if a legally incorporated body could be created, holding to the Conference a similar relation to that held by the R. M. College, with the main view to hold funds as a "Preachers' Aid Society," that such a body, if sustained by the regular annual contributions of our ministers and members, and possibly by future devises and bequests, and with authority so to do, could be very useful in assisting members of Conference who may hereafter be unable to keep in force their respective life insurance policies, and through the pur-

chase of such investments on proper terms be enabled ultimately to secure a large endowment for the main purpose already referred to. A fund gradually built up in all the methods named, would hereafter afford a means of supplementing deficiencies in the "Conference Collection," or in any appropriate way helping impoverished ministers. Such a corporation as we refer to could not be chartered under the laws of Virginia, but we believe could be in the State of North Carolina, within whose bounds our Conference has jurisdiction.

We, therefore, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to take any action as a body on the subject of life insurance.

Resolved, That a Committee of Seven* be appointed to obtain an act of incorporation from the State of North Carolina for a Society, with powers to receive moneys and bequests, purchase endowments, annuities, and insurances, and appropriate the same for the benefit of members of the Virginia Conference, and report to the next Conference for its approval.

JOHN R. KILBY, *Chairman.*

* For members of committee, see Journal of Proceedings, page 17.

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—"K."

The Committee on the Support of the Ministry feel, that material aid would have been furnished them in the consideration of the important subject confided to them, by the presentation of such fiscal reports from the Presiding Elders as are contemplated by the resolution adopted at the Conference of 1867, at Petersburg.

Instructing our chairman to call for them, at our first meeting, we found ourselves in possession of *four* at the time when our report was due. From all the information we can gather, it is manifest that in many portions of our work there is still much defection on this important subject; and by far too many of our preachers failed to receive the total amount of their estimated salaries during the past Conference year.

We are, therefore, more fully impressed than ever with the necessity for practical results, instead of mere theories and resolutions made and then forgotten.

Still, to harmonize the essentially voluntary and cheerful performance of a sacred duty, with the lack of ability on the one hand and of disposition on the other, is a delicate and difficult task, and demands the careful and prayerful consideration of those who are charged with the financial interests of the Church.

Your committee are impressed with the conviction that several leading difficulties exist on this subject to which may be traced in a great degree the lack of satisfactory results. While it may be true of a station here and there, it is evident that the trouble is confined, in the main, to our circuit work; and the first point we notice is the lack of unity and identity between the pastor and people in such circuits where preaching is divided up among several appointments. The tendency in such cases is to disintegration, and the individual member is apt to measure his liability by the amount of preaching he enjoys, forgetting that the preacher has nothing to do with the fixing of appointments, and should not be made to suffer for it; and the other great fact that, in our economy, the circuit is a unity, and the maintenance of the preacher bears alike on each and every member, irrespective of his special locality therein.

Again, does it not appear that the limitation of responsibility for the salary of the peacher to the pastoral relation has a tendency to weaken the force of the obligation, as being merely temporary in its character, if, in-

deed, it has not operated in some cases to cause a delay of payment, with the view to ultimate escape therefrom?

Would it not appear, again, that the recent extension of the possible term of the pastoral relation to four years is somewhat in conflict with the usage, and invites modification thereof.

At least, until some other remedy is suggested, should we not lend all the extent and power of our influence to inculcate the binding character of the obligation to pay the minister, even to the uttermost farthing, and any advantage taken of the law of the Church is not only an act of injustice to the preacher and his family, but a breach of covenant relations.

While the last and best results of the mind of the Church on the question of Ministerial Support are found in what is known throughout the Conference as the "Assessment Plan," yet, as practiced, it clearly reveals two important weak points: 1st. A lack of authority to enforce the assessment when made; and 2d. In its absence, a lack of personal recognition of the binding character of the assessment on the part of the membership.

This being conceded, it is, perhaps, equally true that no adequate and perfect remedy is attainable.

The question of Ministerial Support has essentially the same difficulties in those churches whose pastors are settled—so far, at least, as the necessity for keeping up to the proper standard those whose moral faculties are obtuse on the money question. All we can hope to do is to inculcate correct views of duty to our Boards of Stewards and the membership, and hold both up to a clear and full responsibility thereto. The duty of the steward only begins with the assessment: he should feel bound to do all in his power for its collection. The membership, in this regard, are as much bound to pay the several sums assessed as are members of any organization amenable to any and all laws passed by competent authority, and not in conflict with the purposes of the organization. Let it be recorded, as the verdict of this committee of laymen exclusively, that any member, having the ability, and failing to meet such obligations, is chargeable with a manifest dereliction of duty towards those whose work and labor of love promises, at best, only a bare support.

At this point we deem it important to urge all our Boards of Stewards to give this subject special attention at their first meeting in the Conference year.

The language of a Presiding Elder, in his financial report to this Conference, is fully expressive of your committee's views on this point, and hence is quoted: "As intimated in my last report, one great difficulty in the way of the successful prosecution of the assessment plan is the want of prompt action in the beginning of the Conference year. Prompt and harmonious action is needed on the part of the Presiding Elders, Preachers in Charge, and Officers of the Church. The first Quarterly Conference is almost wholly ignored, in a financial point of view, when, in my judgment, it is the most important, in that respect, of any held during the year. It is my firm conviction that an early and energetic effort to meet the financial engagements at the first Quarterly Conference will almost invariably, if not altogether, insure success, and the demands of the Church be fully met."

Your committee would enjoin on the stewards prompt action, and earnestly exhort our Presiding Elders to preach at least one sermon during the year at all their appointments, clearly defining the obligation of the Church to support the ministry.

In view of the foregoing, your committee respectfully suggest the following resolutions:

1st. That, in accordance with the genius of our Church, the minister's salary impinges upon every member of every church within his circuit, in its unity and identity, without regard to the amount of service rendered at any particular locality, if he has performed the work assigned him by the Church.

2d. That, while the law and usage of the Church limits the obligation to pay the preacher to the term of the pastoral relation, yet in this we discover only a reason for prompt payment, and no excuse for delay or apology for deficiency.

3d. That the Boards of Stewards are clothed with authority to make such

arrangements for paying the ministers that they best can, and that their wise and judicious action carries with it all the moral influence and sanction of any law of the Church.

4th. That the membership are in duty, honor, and interest bound to meet these obligations, in the sight of God, honestly, fairly, and fully, and any failure to do so, except from lack of ability, is at once unchristianlike and unmethodistic.

ASA SNYDER, *Chairman.*

ON TEMPERANCE.—“L.”

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

They are satisfied that the traffic in and use of ardent spirits as a beverage is an evil of vast magnitude, and one that prevails to an alarming extent in our country. Moreover, in many instances it has insinuated itself—unrebuked, we fear—within the sacred precincts of the Church, and its dire effects are seen in some who claim to be members of Christ's mystical body.

Your committee are satisfied that the provisions of our Discipline, if strictly enforced, are amply sufficient to prevent the improper use of ardent spirits by our members; but we believe that direct and positive prohibition of the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors as a beverage is necessary to preserve the purity and to promote the well-being of the Church.

We, therefore, recommend that our delegates to the General Conference be instructed to secure such additional legislation, in the form of a disciplinary rule, as shall declare the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits, except for medicinal purposes, an immorality for which a member may be expelled.

R. W. WATTS, *Chairman.*

ON MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.—“M.”

The Committee on Memorials to the General Conference beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the several papers referred to them, and, as the result of their deliberations, recommend that the General Conference be memorialized:

1. To strike out the proviso contained in answer 3, section 5, Chapter II., of the Discipline, which limits the number of appointments composing a Presiding Elder's District.
2. To incorporate the District Conference into our ecclesiastical economy, and to give it, subordinately to the Annual Conference, jurisdiction over all the local interests of the Presiding Elder's District.
3. To provide that the title to and control of District Parsonages shall be vested in Trustees, to be nominated by the Presiding Elder and elected by the District Conference, and who, with the concurrence of the Presiding Elder and the consent of the District Conference, shall have power to sell such property, when in their judgment it may be necessary.
4. To require applicants for orders in the local ministry to stand an ap-

proved examination on all the course of study prescribed for applicants for orders in the traveling connection.

5. To add to the questions to be answered in the business of an Annual Conference, the following: "What ministers are received from other Conferences?"

6. To restore to the Discipline the rule in regard to a Committee of Arbitration to settle difficulties that may arise between our members, not involving moral character.

The committee could not agree to recommend the adoption of the papers presented by L. M. Lee, J. A. Proctor, Thomas Whithead, Paul Whitehead, and Jacob Manning, respectively.

P. A. PETERSON, *Chairman.*

ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—"N."

The Committee on the Publishing Interests of the Church desire to present the following report:

A sound religious literature cannot be too highly valued. In importance it occupies a position inferior only to that of the preaching of the Word. No church that fails to make provision to supply its members with wholesome religious reading can expect to prosper; that church that best does this may expect, other things being equal, to wield the most powerful influence over the world. We believe in an intelligent piety, and an intelligent piety cannot exist in the absence of a good religious literature. We are thankful to know that our Church has been making diligent effort to meet this great want. Perhaps we may safely state that, year after year, we are making greater progress in this direction. To supply such a necessity is not the work of a short time—the gradual accomplishment of this object is all that could be reasonably demanded. To build up and establish upon a firm foundation the publishing interests of a church is one of its most difficult enterprises. We think, however, that we have very little to fear for the future. We have at the head of this department a man who has given evidence of the possession of every qualification for its most successful management. Dr. A. H. Redford, our General Agent, is entitled to the profound gratitude of the entire Church. He has conducted our Publishing House with extraordinary energy and skill, and we by no means use extravagant language when we declare that he has achieved wonderful results. We are extremely gratified at the present condition and future prospects of the institution under his control. But while we rejoice in the flourishing condition of our Publishing House, we are constrained to say that its benefits to the Methodists of Virginia are comparatively meagre. It is to us very inaccessible, and, consequently, our people are not able to supply themselves with its publications. This evil has long been felt and lamented. With a view to its removal, at the last session of our Conference, we requested the Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., to enter into correspondence with our General Agent, to ascertain whether or not any arrangement could be made to establish an agency in connection with the Richmond *Christian Advocate*. We regret to have learned that such arrangement could not be effected. We are of opinion, however, that it is highly important that we should have a Depository in the city of Richmond.

The Nashville *Christian Advocate* is a very able and valuable paper, reflects great credit upon its editor and publisher, and is a noble representative of the intelligence, culture, and piety of our Church.

The *Sunday School Visitor* does not seem, as yet, to fully meet the wants of our Sunday School work. It gives us pleasure, however, to say that it is an improving paper, and we hope that it may soon become such a paper as shall command the approbation of the entire Church.

The old debts of the Richmond *Christian Advocate* continue to be a source of trouble. It is urgently demanded that every effort be made to effect

their speedy settlement. We simply mention the fact that the Conference may take such action with regard to it as it may deem to be proper.

This paper is now the property of Dr. W. W. Bennett, and we are, therefore, no longer responsible for its financial management. But its relation to us, in other respects, is unaltered. It is still the organ of the Virginia Conference, and we are under the strongest obligations to afford its editor all the aid and encouragement which he may need. We are much pleased to learn that he proposes soon to enlarge and otherwise improve it, and, with our faithful co-operation, hopes to make it equal to any religious paper published in the South.

We offer for adoption the subjoined resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the remarkable ability and unprecedented success with which Dr. A. H. Redford, our General Agent, has conducted our publishing interests at Nashville, Tenn.

2d. *Resolved*, That our delegates to the next General Conference be, and they are hereby, instructed to use their influence to procure the establishment of a Book Depository in the city of Richmond, Va.

3d. *Resolved*, That we heartily recommend to all our people the Nashville *Christian Advocate*.

4th. *Resolved*, That we feel a special and an increasing interest in the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, and that we pledge to it our first and warmest support.

J. M. ANDERSON, *Chairman*.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT

OF THE

SOUTHERN METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE.

JULY, 1869.

ASSETS :

Real Estate in Nashville.....	\$44,319 74
Fixtures—Presses, Type, etc.....	38,556 00
Stereotype Plates.....	49,200 00
Stereotype Foundry.....	2,500 00
Merchandise	45,686 02
New Orleans Depository—Merchandise and Fixtures.....	18,363 44
Debts due on New Account.....	13,037 09
Furniture—Desks, Tables, and Safe.....	505 00
Cash on hand.....	592 44
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	\$212,759 73

LIAABILITIES :

Bills Payable.....	\$32,386 17
Book Account.....	10,189 59
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	42,575 76
Balance in favor of the House.....	\$170,183 97
Balance in favor of the House last year.....	124,075 59
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Of this amount collected on Old Account.....	46,108 38
	1,815 03
Leaving profits for the year ending June 30, 1869.....	\$44,293 35

(Signed,) *A. H. REDFORD, Agent.*

GENERAL STATISTICS.

PASTORAL CHARGES.		LO'L PRBS.	MEMB'R'S		BAPT'MS		CHURCH PROPERTY.		SUN. SCHOOLS.						
			White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	Adult.	Infant.	No. Churches	Estimated value of churches	No. Par'sngs	Estimated value of par'sgs.	No. Schools	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. Sch'rs.	Volumes in Library.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.															
Richmond City :															
Centenary.....	2 ..	269	..	..	2	2	1	\$20,000	..	..	1	50	274	407
Broad Street.....	2 ..	300	..	..	20	5	1	40,000	..	..	1	35	250	600
Trinity.....	2 ..	325	..	..	10	4	1	30,000	..	..	1	46	265	600
Rocketts.....	.. ..	46	..	..	14	2	1	2,500	..	..	1	13	28	50
Sidney }.....	1 ..	147	..	..	4	..	2	4,000	..	..	2	21	138	105
Oregon }.....	.. ..	285	..	..	20	8	1	18,000	..	..	1	28	250	600
Clay Street.....	2 ..	224	..	..	..	..	1	15,000	..	..	1	45	168	250
Union.....	.. ..	235	..	..	20	5	1	6,000	..	..	1	29	165	590
Manchester.....	.. ..	375	3	31	10	5	1	11,000	1	3,000	6	59	260	600
Charles City.....	.. ..	426	1	21	3	10	1	10,000	..	..	6	48	285	...
New Kent and Williamsburg.....	.. ..	760	1	32	51	5	1	6,000	1	1,200	5	80	400	560
Gloucester.....	2 ..	836	2	14	71	5	1	4,000	1	2,000	5	73	477	814	
Matthews.....	9 ..	4318	7	188	161	34	\$166,500	3	\$6,200	31	527	2960	5086		
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.															
Charlottesville.....	1 ..	162	..	..	15	2	1	8,000	..	..	1	17	210	225
Albemarle.....	1 ..	470	8	5	5	7	1	7,000	1	1,500	5	25	300	800	
Scottsville.....	3 ..	605	10	27	7	10	1	10,000	..	..	10	35	250	600
Fluvanna.....	2 ..	393	30	30	..	6	1	5,000	1	1,000	4	30	200	700	
Gordonsville & Orange C. H. ....	.. ..	90	1	14	..	1	1	3,000	..	..	2	15	80	20
Orange Circuit.....	.. ..	110	..	1	..	2	..	500	..	..	2	24	60	150
Louisa.....	2 ..	530	8	50	2	8	1	9,000	1	3,000	8	47	300	600	
Batesville.....	.. ..	317	17	2	1	4	1	8,000	..	..	9	89	442	1373
Nelson.....	1 ..	220	..	..	1	..	6	6,000	..	..	5	40	225	350
Madison.....	1 ..	246	..	..	..	..	5	9,000	1	1,000	3	15	60	50
Greene.....	.. ..	342	..	18	..	6	1	5,400	..	..	4	12	100	350
Piedmont.....	2 ..	200	..	20	6	4	1	2,000	..	..	4	20	200	300
Goochland.....	.. ..	212	..	12	4	5	1	1,500	..	..	3	30	80	300
Beaver Dam.....	1 ..	310	1	8	5	4	1	3,000	..	..	2	30	100	400
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.	13 ..	4207	75	203	32	69	\$77,400	4	\$6,500	62	429	2607	6393		
Lynchburg :															
Centenary }.....	1 ..	284	..	..	19	6	1	20,000	..	..	1	37	214	600
Madison }.....	.. ..	270	..	..	6	35	1	30,000	1	6,000	1	37	175	1964
Court Street }.....	1 ..	437	..	..	35	2	8	5,000	1	1,000	4	20	170	400
Rolling Mills }.....	.. ..	215	..	..	17	..	4	3,600	..	..	7	38	153	...
Amherst }.....	1 ..	500	1	40	12	11	..	..	1	3,000	8	40	54	...
Amherst Colored Work }.....	.. ..	480	7	60	20	9	1	7,000	1	1,000	8	35	35	350
West Amherst.....	.. ..	214	61	56	3	6	1	4,500	..	..	4	38	196	800
Bedford.....	.. ..	103	..	12	10	1	1	2,500	..	..	1	10	73	400
South Bedford.....	.. ..	382	..	30	..	6	1	4,000	1	1,500	5	40	243	500
Bedford Springs.....	.. ..	413	..	..	..	..	8	3,00	1	800	5	41	205	500
Liberty.....	.. ..	299	..	28	2	7	1	6,500	1	1,200	2	16	80	100
Appomattox.....	.. ..	130	..	4	..	2	1	1,800	..	..	2	28	74	...
Campbell.....	.. ..	137	..	19	..	4	1	2,000	..	..	3	22	140	230
Buckingham.....	.. ..	137	..	19	..	4	1	2,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Buckingham.....	.. ..	137	..	19	..	4	1	2,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
Big Island.....	.. ..	137	..	19	..	4	1	2,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
	10 ..	3864	69	326	90	68	\$89,900	7	14,50.	51	402	2615	5844		

GENERAL STATISTICS.—CONTINUED.

	LO'L PRS.	MEMB' RS		BAPT' MS		CHURCH PROPERTY.			SUN. SCHOOLS.					
		White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	Adult.	Infant	No. Churches	Estimated value of churches.	No. Parsons	Estimated value of Parsons.	No. Schools & Officers	No. Teachers.	No. Schlr's. Volumes in Library.
PASTORAL CHARGES.														
DANVILLE DISTRICT.														
Danville.....	1 ..	201	8	2	2	1	\$10,000	1	\$4,000	1	21	101	...	
Charlotte.....	2 ..	300	73	8	2	6	4,925	..	.....	7	54	301	93
West Charlotte.....	1 ..	160	3	34	..	4	1,800	..	.....	..	..	..	..
Halifax.....	..	338	5	14	6	4	2,100	1	1,500	3	42	167	375	
South of Dan.....	..	424	..	44	..	6	3,000	..	.....	10	62	343	287
Ringgold.....	1 ..	300	8	50	..	6	2,200	..	.....	3	25	151	250
Pittsylvania.....	3 ..	355	22	46	1	9	5,600	1	400	5	47	283	395	
South Staunton.....	1 ..	350	30	28	..	7	8,000	..	.....	3	20	100	...
Franklin {	1 ..	206	10	..	..	8	3,000	1	500	3	10	70	200
Flint Hill {	1 ..	277	31	16	2	4	2,400	..	.....	10	120	580	400
Henry.....	..	157	19	21	..	7	3,000	..	.....	6	38	218	270
Patrick.....	2 ..	192	14	..	..	6	1,200	..	.....	4	20	240	20
Dan River.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	12 ..	3260	223	273	20	61	\$47,225	4	\$6,490	55	459	2584	2470	
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.														
Farmville.....	1 2	120	106	15	10	1	6,000	..	.....	1	23	92	250
Prince Edward.....	3 1	368	106	25	3	5	10,000	1	1,200	4	42	175	200	
Burkville.....	..	120	1	20	..	4	5	1,500	..	..	3	20	80
Lunenburg.....	..	513	1	10	..	9	6,000	..	..	8	99	313	775
Boydton.....	2 ..	613	..	61	18	8	3,500	..	..	6	56	210	660
Mecklenburg.....	..	1	619	104	58	119	10	4,000	1	1,000	12	105	471	921
Union.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brunswick.....	5 ..	775	..	103	20	11	8,000	1	1,200	10	95	740	800	
Nottoway.....	1 ..	390	5	50	19	5	3,500	1	2,000	4	30	250	..	
Amelia.....	4 ..	350	10	56	2	7	7,900	1	2,000	6	80	25	400	
Powhatan.....	1 ..	170	7	3	3	4	5,000	..	..	2	25	75	275
Cumberland.....	1 ..	320	10	15	..	8	8,000	1	1,200	2	24	68	600	
	18 4	4388	359	413	206	65	\$62,500	6	\$8,600	58	599	2724	4981	
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.														
Petersburg:														
Washington Street {	2 ..	450	..	10	20	1	30,000	1	6,000	2	60	300	580	
Blandford {	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Market Street {	2 ..	279	..	7	6	1	25,900	1	5,000	1	38	184	485	
Wesley Chapel {	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
High Street {	1 ..	300	..	10	24	2	6,000	..	..	2	37	221	724
Battersea Chapel {	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Etricks.....	1 ..	138	..	13	26	1	1,000	..	..	1	25	145	250
Chesterfield.....	2 ..	416	..	..	..	..	2,000	1	2,500	6	61	327	464
Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	2 ..	242	..	7	..	7	4,000	..	..	7	72	353	1125
West Dinwiddie.....	2 ..	365	..	25	..	8	4,000	..	..	5	50	247	300
Dinwiddie.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dinwiddie C H. {	1 ..	258	..	12	15	6	2,800	..	..	3	26	93	...
Sussex.....	5 ..	490	..	11	3	9	7,000	..	..	8	66	240	750
Greenville.....	1 ..	349	..	17	4	9	3,500	..	..	4	30	136	200
Prince George.....	..	163	..	12	4	6	1,800	..	..	3	20	85	100
Surry.....	2 ..	283	..	2	4	6	3,500	..	..	5	46	150	360
Smithfield.....	1 ..	400	2	..	..	9	..	..	..	4	35	300	1000
	22 0	4133	2	126	114	71	\$90,600	3	13,500	51	566	2786	6338	
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.														
Murfreesboro.....	..	151	4	..	..	2	5,000	..	..	2	25	124	212
Northampton.....	3 ..	800	15	25	9	10	8,000	..	..	8	90	377	622
Bertie.....	1 ..	414	3	14	16	9	8,800	1	1,500	9	65	225	500	
Edenton.....	..	46	..	..	1	2	6,000	..	..	1	13	63	500
Hertford.....	2 ..	771	..	60	31	9	9,000	1	1,200	13	123	700	1200	
Pasquotank.....	3 ..	604	..	60	12	7	5,000	..	..	6	56	300	500
Elizabeth City.....	1 ..	158	..	20	5	2	8,000	..	..	1	33	168	350
Indian Ridge.....	1 ..	642	..	18	4	5	4,500	..	..	7	45	354	304
Suffolk.....	1 ..	184	..	4	10	2	8,000	..	..	2	35	140	450
Gates.....	2 ..	759	..	35	20	10	8,000	1	600	8	60	400	300	
Southampton.....	1 ..	630	..	20	..	9	7,000	1	800	7	40	300	100	
Currituck.....	1 ..	368	..	18	38	5	3,000	3	12	70	150	
	16 0	5518	22	274	146	72	\$80,300	4	\$4,100	67	597	3221	5186	

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	LO'L PRS.	MEMB'RS	BAPT'MS	CHURCH PROPERTY.				SUN. SCHOOLS.				
	White. Colored.	White. Colored.	Adult. Colored.	Infant.	No. Churches	Estimated value of churches.	No. Par'sngs	Estimated value of par'sngs.	No. Schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. Sch'rs.	Volumes in Library.
NORFOLK DISTRICT.												
Norfolk City:												
Cumberland Street.....	1 ..	408	....	1	23	1	\$30,000	....	1	46	300	450
Granby Street.....	1 ..	235	....	11	16	1	:5,000	....	1	36	250	792
Portsmouth:												
Dinwiddie Street.....	2 ..	409	....	24	21	1	8,000	....	1	36	35	800
Second Street.....		76	....			1	1,000	....	1	24	119	
Wesley Chapel.....	1 ..	201	....	14	10	1	2,000	....	1	32	256	760
Norfolk Circuit.....		200	....	34	5	3	4,400	....	2	23	155	230
East Norfolk Circuit.....	4 ..	367	....	23	13	8	11,500	....	7	76	231	725
Princess Anne.....	4 ..	622	....	23	45	8	5,000	....	10	107	469	860
Eastville.....		310	....	7	10	5	7,000	....	6	147	532	150
Pungoteague.....	5 ..	585	1	25	11	8	12,000	....	7	90	600	800
Atlantic.....	2 ..	400	....	35	30	8	7,000	1, 1,500	7	130	500	2500
Wicomico.....		208	....	1	26	3	8,100	....	3	30	225	515
Berlin.....	4 ..	89	....	5	27	3	4,700	....	4	28	100	700
Cambridge.....	1 ..	65	....		5	1	1,200	....	1	10	60	150
Durchester.....	1 ..	297	....	30	....	4	9,000	....	5	5	220	620
Hampton and York.....	3 ..	547	....	8	5	4	2,800	....	6	38	320	.....
	29 ..	5019	1	241	247	60	\$138,700	1 \$1,500	63	9.5	4687	11392
RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT.												
Rappahannock.....		255	25	22	2	4	4,000	....	2	25	164	350
Culpeper.....		326	29	3	....	4	8,000	....	6	40	14	600
Spottsylvania.....	1 ..	188	2	9	4	4	2,500	....	3	20	50	150
Caroline.....	3 ..	483	....	12	4	6	6,500	....	7	49	325	160
King George.....		379	2	40	12	4	3,200	....	5	45	30	1250
Westmoreland.....	1 ..	397	4	2	25	7	4,500	....	6	75	320	200
Northumberland.....	1 ..	125	....		....	3	3,000	....	3	22	40	150
Lancaster.....	1 ..	334	1	26	18	4	5,000	1 1,200	5	75	28	729
Middlesex.....		430	....	26	14	6	6,000	1 1,200	6	61	284	975
King & Queen.....	3 ..	601	....	70	11	7	8,000	....	5	37	265	625
King William.....	12 ..	169	2	32	....	2	1,500	....	2	20	110	250
Hanover.....	5 ..	504	1	45	4	5	5,000	1 2,000	6	71	371	568
	17 ..	4190	66	287	94	56	\$5,950	3 \$4,400	56	540	2749	5998

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

VI.

MEMOIRS.

JESSE K. POWERS was born in the county of Albemarle, on the 8th of June, 1801. He received a liberal education. In May, 1826, while engaged in teaching a classical school within the bounds of Columbia Circuit, he sought and obtained the pardon of his sins, and united with the M. E. Church. He was received on trial in the traveling connection, at the session of the Virginia Conference held at Raleigh in February, 1826. In 1830, he was admitted into full connection and ordained deacon; and in 1832, was ordained elder.

Brother Powers was a plain, faithful, earnest minister of the gospel, always conscientiously discharging the duties of a Methodist preacher. Being unencumbered with a family, he readily and cheerfully entered on whatever field of labor was assigned him; and everywhere endeared himself to the people whom he served, by his unaffected and consistent piety. For upwards of two score years he made full proof of his ministry. In the latter part of his life, through affectionate regard for his welfare and in consideration of his infirmities, his brethren of the Conference placed him on the list of supernumeraries. But so anxious was he to be in the regular pastoral work, that he appealed to the Conference to place him among the effective men. Unwisely, we fear, his request was granted, and he was appointed to the New Kent Circuit. He received his appointment with a glad heart and a willing mind, and entered upon his work with an earnestness beyond his strength. His arduous labors and the exposure incident to his duties soon began to tell upon his feeble frame, and he was brought very low. In this condition he concluded that, if he could reach the house of his old and long-tried friend, in the county of Chesterfield, John Bradley, Esq., the change of air and the affectionate and assiduous nursing of that kind family would tend greatly to restore his health. He undertook the journey in his sulky, and had nearly reached his destination when, having fainted from exhaustion, he fell, and his feet becoming entangled, he was dragged for a considerable distance with his head downward, receiving such injuries as to cause his death. He lingered some weeks in great suffering, which he bore with the patience and faith of a Christian hero, and on the 1st of March, 1869, he passed to his reward.

Being fully aware of his situation, he arranged for his death and burial—selected the place for his grave, and gave specific directions concerning his interment. He distributed his little effects, and left mementoes of regard to various brethren and personal friends. Having methodically attended to every matter of life and death, he calmly, patiently—to use his own language—"waited the Master's will." Among other characteristics of Brother Power's piety, his desire for usefulness was prominent. He requested to be buried on a certain spot near, and in full view of, one of the most frequented highways in the county—giving as his reason for this, that the road at that point would not be changed, and that many of his old friends and acquaintances would pass that way, and possibly, when they should see the place where he lay, some good impressions might be made upon them, and, being dead, he would yet thus speak for God. And there he is, alone, with precious holy memories clinging around him, waiting for the coming of his Lord without sin unto salvation.

MINTON THRIFT was born in Gloucester county, Virginia, September 18th, 1787, and died in Petersburg, Virginia, March 26th, 1869.

He was converted September 16th, 1806; was licensed to preach in the

Fall of 1810; was admitted on trial in the Conference in 1812; was received into full connection and ordained deacon in 1814, and elder in 1816. He located in 1819; was readmitted into the traveling connection in 1840; located again in 1843; was again readmitted in 1857, and granted a superannuated relation, in which he continued until his death. While on the effective list he filled successively the appointments of Suffolk Circuit, Petersburg, Norfolk, Newbern, and Gloucester Circuit. During most of the time passed as a local preacher, he was engaged in teaching, being principal of a school of some celebrity in the city of Petersburg, and was also actively engaged in preaching, laboring among the whites and the people of color. He was very methodical in his habits. He kept a journal, in which he sketched the characters of his pupils, leaving thus a record of much interest to the older citizens of the place.

Among his papers is found a history of the rise and progress of Methodism in Petersburg and the surrounding country. As a preacher, he was a man of some mark in his day, though his pulpit power and influence were limited by his local employments. For several years before his death his eyesight failed him so far that, at the date of his last illness, he was nearly blind. For a fortnight preceding his departure he was confined to his bed, during which time he gave many evidences of his peace of mind and abiding faith in God. In the earlier part of this period his mind was clear, especially on all religious subjects, frequently quoting passages from the Bible with great accuracy, and repeating verses from his favorite hymns. He selected the following hymns to be sung at his funeral: "Rock of Ages cleft for me" and "Jesus, Lover of my Soul." The funeral discourse preached over his remains was from the text selected by himself from Revelation xiv., 13: "And I heard a voice saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." During the last day or two of his life his weakness was such that he could only occasionally express his feelings, and then in words of scripture, or in broken snatches of hymns. His last moments were full of peace. He died on the day commemorative of the crucifixion of our Lord, and on Easter Sunday he was laid in the sepulchre made blessed forever by the risen Saviour.

AURELIUS W. HOLT, a probationer in the Virginia Annual Conference, died at the residence of his father, in Surry county, Virginia, on the 2d day of December, 1868.

He was received on trial in the traveling connection at the Conference of 1867, and served on the New Kent Circuit until his strength gave way under the ravages of pulmonary consumption. At the Conference held in November, 1868, he was appointed to the Clover Hill (Chesterfield county) Circuit, but was unable to enter upon the duties of his new field of labor. He was a young man of deep piety and much promise. In conversation with friends he spoke of his approaching dissolution with entire composure, declared that he was wholly free from the fear of death, and that he enjoyed the sustaining and comforting influence of the Holy Ghost, and expected to enter into the rest of Heaven. He suggested to attending friends that it was time to prepare his body for the tomb—and then sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

VII.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1869-'70.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.

LEROY M. LEE, *Presiding Elder.*

Richmond.

✓ Centenary—John C. Granbery.
Broad Street—John E. Edwards.
Trinity—Joseph A. Proctor.
Clay Street—Thomas A. Ware.
Union—Benjamin F. Woodward.
Sidney, } Robert A. Armistead.
Oregon, }
Rocketts, }
Manchester—James P. Garland.
Charles City—Geo. C. Vanderslice.
New Kent—Joseph Lear.

King William—George M. Wright.
Matthews—Francis M. Edwards.
Gloucester—Edward M. Peterson.
Williamsburg—James H. Crown.
Seamen's Bethel—Francis J. Boggs.
Penitentiary—Samuel T. Moorman.
Wm. W. Bennett, Editor Richmond
Christian Advocate.
Leonidas Rosser, Conference Mis-
sionary.
Edward N. S. Blogg, Missionary to
the Germans.

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.

✓ JACOB MANNING, *Presiding Elder.*

Charlottesville—Samuel S. Lambeth.
Albemarle—Jas. M. Anderson; John
J. Lafferty, Supernumerary.
Scottsville—John Bayley.
✓ Howardsville—William M. Jerdone.
Fluvanna—Milton L. Bishop.
Gordonsville—John N. Jones.
Orange—Wm. E. Payne; Henry M.
Linney, Supernumerary.

Louisa—Adam C. Bledsoe.
Batesville—Hartwell H. Gary.
Madison—Robert W. Watts.
Greene—John W. Tucker.
✓ Goochland—Chas. E. Hobday; Benj.
C. Spiller, Supernumerary.
Beaver Dam—James F. Finnell.
Blue Ridge Mission—To be supplied.

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.

ALEXANDER G. BROWN, *Presiding Elder.*

✓ Lynchburg.
Centenary, } Geo. W. Langhorne.
Madison, } T. H. Early, Sup'y.
Court Street, } Robert N. Sledd.
Rolling Mills, } To be supplied.
Amherst—John D. Blackwell; Dev-
ereaux J. C. Slaughter, Super-
numerary.
West Amherst—James W. Bledsoe.
Nelson—William G. Williams.
Bedford—John M. Saunders.

South Bedford—Wm. I. Hunter.
Bedford Springs—James R. Wag-
gener.
Liberty—Peter F. August.
Appomattox—Esmond A. Gibbs.
Campbell—John W. Hilldrup; Jos.
Spriggs, Supernumerary.
Buckingham—Robert B. Beadles.
Prospect—Alfred Wiles.
Big Island—To be supplied (by
Elisha De Witt).
Leesville Mission—To be supplied.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.

JAMES JAMIESON, *Presiding Elder.*

✓ Danville—Charles C. Pearson.
Charlotte—Lewis H. Greybill; John
D. Southall, Supernumerary.
South of Dan—William H. Camper.
Ringgold and Banister—To be sup-
plied (by John G. Baily).
✓ Pittsylvania—Alexander M. Hall.

South Staunton—To be supplied (by
R. A. Lee).
Franklin—Henry C. Bowles. ✓
Henry—David F. Hodges.
Patrick—James A. Hughes.
Dan River Mission—To be supplied.
Halifax—Jeremiah McMullan.

FARMVILLE DISTRICT.

ROBERT MICHAELS, *Presiding Elder.*

Farmville—William E. Edwards.	Brunswick—James W. Blincoe.
Mt. Pleasant and Mineral Spring— Joshua L. Garrett.	Nottoway—William G. Lumpkin ; James L. Spencer, Supernumerary.
Burkeville—George H. Ray.	Amelia—Joseph E. Potts.
Lunenburg—James C. Watson.	Powhatan—James C. Reed.
Boydton—David M. Wallace.	Cumberland—Layton J. Hansberger.
Mecklenburg — Blassingame H. Johnson; James McAden, Supernumerary.	Greenville—Wm. W. Spain, Robt. O. Burton.
Union—To be supplied.	

PETERSBURG DISTRICT.

EDWARD P. WILSON, *Presiding Elder.*

<i>Petersburg.</i>	
Washington Street } Chas. H. Hall; Blandford } Thos. S. Campbell, Sup'y. Market Street } To be suppl'd. Wesley Chapel } Wm. E. Judkins. High Street } To be supplied. Battersea Chapel } Geo. E. Booker. Ettricks—To be supplied. Chesterfield—Philmer W. Archer. Coalfield and Clover Hill—Richard Ferguson.	West Dinwiddie—George N. Guy; Jacob H. Proctor, Supernumerary. Dinwiddie—Travis J. Taylor; Thos. Diggs, Supernumerary. Sussex—Joseph H. Amiss; James A. Riddick, Supernumerary. Hicksford—John B. Dey. Prince George Mission—John P. Woodward. Surry—James W. Connelly. Smithfield } Hezekiah P. Mitchell. " Circuit } To be supplied.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

HENRY B. COWLES, *Presiding Elder.*

Murfreesboro—Robert A. Compton.	Indian Ridge—Wesley C. Vaden.
✓ Northampton—Jas. E. McSparran, William Grant; Robert I. Carson, Supernumerary.	Suffolk—William G. Starr.
Bertie—Robert N. Crooks, William P. Jordan; Joseph H. Ridick, Supernumerary.	Gates—Major S. Colonna.
Edenton—Beverly W. Daugherty, William J. Norfleet, Supernumerary.	Southampton—John W. White, Walter C. Taylor; Isaac M. Arnold, Supernumerary.
Hertford—James L. Fisher.	Currituck Mission—To be supplied (by B. H. Jarvis).
Pasquotank—Thomas L. Williams.	Paul Whitehead, President Wesleyan Female College.
Elizabeth City—Wm. P. Wright.	William B. Rowzie, Agent Wesleyan Female College.

NORFOLK DISTRICT.

DAVIS P. WILLS, *Presiding Elder.*

<i>Norfolk.</i>	
Cumberland Street—Peter A. Peterson.	Princess Anne—John W. Howard.
Granby Street—Wm. W. Duncan.	Eastville—Joseph B. Merritt, Lloyd Moore.
Portsmouth.	Pungoteague—James C. Martin.
Dinwiddie Street } Wm. H. Christian. Second Street } Wm. E. Allen.	Atlantic—Oscar Littleton.
✓ Wesley Chapel—Jos. E. Martin.	Wicomico—Josiah D. Hank.
Norfolk Circuit—Benj. F. Tennille.	Berlin—James Q. Rhodes.
East Norfolk Circuit—James W. Compton.	Cambridge—Charles V. Bingley.
	Dorchester—James O. Moss; John B. Laurens, Supernumerary.
	Hampton and York—Jas. D. Lumsden.

RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT.

JOSEPH H. DAVIS, *Presiding Elder.*

Rappahannock—Wilbur F. Robins.	Westmoreland—Charles E. Watts.
Culpeper—Edgar H. Pritchett; Jno. F. Poulton, Supernumerary.	Northumberland—Edw. M. Jordan.
✓ Spottsylvania—John W. F. Jones: James F. Bannin, Supernumerary.	Lancaster—Thomas J. Bayton.
✓ Caroline—George W. Nolley. King George—Wm. F. Bain.	Middlesex—Thomas H. Boggs.
James A. Duncan, President Randolph Macon College. John G. Rowe, Agent Virginia Conference Sunday School Society. William R. Cobb, Chaplain United States Navy.	King and Queen—Thomas M. Beckham. Hanover—William H. Hopkins.

TRANSFERRED.

Lemuel S. Reed, to Baltimore Conference,
Henry C. Cheatham, to Florida Conference.
Nathaniel Thomas, to Mobile Conference.

SUPERANNUATED.

Humphrey Billups, Joseph Carson, Matthew M. Dance, Benjamin Devany,	John C. Garlick, Robert A. Gregory, Wm. A. Robinson, Alexander Stewart, Herbert T. Bacon.	Jacob Shough, Benj. M. Williams, Sam'l T. Moorman, Benjamin T. Ames,
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VIII.

PASTORAL CHANGES.

NAMES.	FROM.	TO.
Leonidas Rosser.....	Richmond District....	Conference Missionary.
Leroy M. Lee.....	Union Station.....	Richmond District.
Wm. E. Edwards.....	Charlottesville.....	Farmville.
Robert W. Watts.....	Albemarle.....	Madison Circuit.
George E. Booker.....	Scottsville.....	High Street, Petersburg.
James C. Reed.....	Nelson	Powhatan.
James M. Anderson...	Madison.....	Albemarle.
Wm. M. Jerdone.....	Beaver Dam	Howardsville.
Wm. H. Camper.....	West Amherst.....	South of Dan.
Wm. G. Starr.....	Liberty.....	Suffolk.
John W. Hilldrup.....	Powhatan	Campbell.
James E. McSparran...	Buckingham.....	Northampton.
Peter F. August.....	South Buckingham...	Liberty.
Alfred Wiles.....	West Charlotte.....	Prospect.
Thomas H. Boggs.....	South of Dan.....	Middlesex.
David M. Wallace.....	Pittsylvania.....	Boydton.
Alex. M. Hall.....	Franklin	Pittsylvania.
Henry C. Bowles.....	Patrick.....	Franklin.
Oscar Littleton.....	Farmville	Atlantic.
Joshua L. Garrett.....	Prince Edward.....	Mt. Pleasant and Min. Spring.
Benj. F. Woodward...	Boydton.....	Union Station, Richmond.
Wm. R. Cobb.....	Boydton	United States Navy.
R. O. Burton.....	Sup't Colord Work...	Greenville.
James H. Crown.....	High Street, Pet'rsb'g	Williamsburg.
Travis J. Taylor.....	King William.....	Dinwiddie.
James W. Connelly...	Dinwiddie.....	Surry.
Charles E. Watts.....	Greenville.....	Westmoreland.
Charles E. Hobday...	Northampton.....	Goochland.
Robert A. Compton...	Edenton.....	Murfreesboro.
Geo. W. Nolley	Pasquotank	Caroline.
Thomas L. Williams..	Indian Ridge.....	Pasquotank.
Samuel S. Lambeth...	Suffolk	Charlottesville.
Wm. E. Allen.....	Southampton.....	Second Street, Portsmouth.
James O. Moss.....	Atlantic	Dorchester.
Benj. F. Tennille.....	Berlin	Norfolk Circuit.
John B. Dey	Dorchester.....	Hicksford.
Joseph H. Davis.....	Westmoreland	Rappahannock District.
Lewis H. Greybill	Rappahannock Ct.....	Charlotte.
Thomas J. Bayton....	King George.....	Lancaster.
Wm. F. Bain.....	Lancaster	King George.
Robert B. Beadles....	Middlesex.....	Buckingham.

IX.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS, 1869.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.	<i>Domestic.</i>	<i>Foreign</i>
Centenary, by J. C. Granbery.....	\$193 75	\$71 00
Broad Street, John E. Edwards.....	66 61	
Trinity, J. A. Proctor.....	12 85	5 00
Clay Street, Thomas A. Ware.....	10 00	
Union, Leroy M. Lee.....	12 00	
Manchester, J. P. Garland.....	20 00	3 00
Charles City, George C. Vanderslice.....	3 00	2 00
Williamsburg, Joseph Lear.....	5 00	1 50
Gloucester, E. M. Peterson.....	30 00	10 00
Mathews, F. M. Edwards.....	26 10	10 00
	\$379 31	\$102 50
EXPENDED IN DISTRICT.		
Paid by J. C. Granbery to W. E. Munsey, Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions.....		11 00
Paid R. A. Armistead, Sidney and Rocketts.....	400 00	
Nett.....		\$91 50
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.		
Charlottesville, by W. E. Edwards	\$47 20	\$ 5 24
Albemarle, R. W. Watts.....	35 70	25 00
Scottsville, George E. Booker.....	13 00	5 00
Fluvanna, M. L. Bishop.....	4 00	2 00
Beaver Dam, W. M. Jerdone.....	12 15	4 05
Louisa, A. C. Bledsoe.....	3 50	3 50
Madison, J. M. Anderson.....	5 00	5 00
Greene, John W. Tucker.....	1 00	
Batesville, H. H. Gary.....	34 50	17 00
Gordonsville and Orange Court House, J. N. Jones.....	8 50	
Nelson, J. C. Reed.....	6 12	6 00
	\$170 67	\$72 79
EXPENDED IN DISTRICT.		
Paid B. C. Spiller, Goochland Circuit.....	\$75 00	
Paid H. M. Linney, Orange Circuit.....	50 00	
Paid by L. S. Reed, on Piedmont Circuit.....	50 00	
	\$175 00	

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued.

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.	Domestic.	Foreign
Centenary, by G. W. Langhorne.....	\$ 31 58	\$15 00
Court Street, R. N. Sledd.....	582 38	70 15
Amherst, John D. Blackwell.....	15 65	30 00
Bedford, J. M. Saunders.....	26 00	9 00
Bedford Springs, J. R. Waggener.....	2 00	
South Bedford, Wm. I. Hunter.....	5 00	1 00
West Amherst, W. H. Camper.....	4 60	2 25
Campbell, Joseph Spriggs.....	17 00	5 90
Appomattox, E. A. Gibbs.....	10 00	4 75
Liberty, Wm. G. Starr.....	10 00	
Buckingham, J. E. McSparran.....		5 00
South Buckingham, P. F. August.....	6 25	3 00
Lynchburg Mission, amount unexpended for 1868, by Alexander G. Brown, P. E.....	98 65	
	\$809 11	\$146 05
EXPENDED.		
Paid A. G. Brown, for Local Missions.....	\$120 25	
Paid Elisha De Witt, Big Island.....	106 48	
Paid J. H. Robinson, Secretary Domestic Mission Board, Lynchburg.....	582 38	
	\$809 11	
DANVILLE DISTRICT.		
Danville, by C. C. Pearson.....	\$17 85	
Charlotte, H. T. Bacon.....	7 50	\$ 2 50
South of Dan, Thomas H. Boggs.....	4 25	3 00
Pittsylvania, D. M. Wallace.....	12 00	5 00
Franklin, A. M. Hall.....	1 50	1 00
Henry, D. F. Hodges.....	33 30	20 00
Patrick, H. C. Bowles.....	7 75	4 00
Halifax, J. McMullan.....	3 50	1 50
	\$87 65	\$37 00
EXPENDED.		
Paid Alfred Wiles, West Charlotte Circuit.....	\$250 00	
Paid John G. Bailey, Ringgold.....	100 00	
	\$350 00	
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.		
Farmville, by Oscar Littleton.....	\$22 60	\$10 00
Cumberland, L. J. Hansberger.....	5 00	5 00
Amelia, J. E. Potts.....	28 20	14 00
Powhatan, J. W. Hiildrup.....	15 00	15 00
Burkeville, Geo. H. Ray.....	6 40	3 00
Mecklenburg, B. H. Johnson.....	27 00	15 75
Boydtown, B. F. Woodward.....	35 80	25 00
Lunenburg, J. C. Watson	30 00	13 00
Brunswick, J. W. Blincoe.....	11 75	10 00
	\$181 75	\$110 75
EXPENDED.		
Paid R. O. Burton, Superintendent of Religious Inter- ests of Colored People.....	\$300 00	

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued.

PETERSBURG DISTRICT.	<i>Domestic.</i>	<i>Foreign</i>
Washington Street, by Charles H. Hall.....	\$238 55	\$25 00
Market Street, W. E. Judkins.....	80 97	21 00
High Street, J. H. Crown.....	7 66	
Chesterfield, P. W. Archer.....	36 84	4 00
Coalfield and Clover Hill, W. G. Williams.....	19 10	1 00
Dinwiddie, Thomas Diggs.....	2 85	1 00
West Dinwiddie, George N. Guy.....	6 51	3 50
Sussex, J. H. Amiss.....	8 50	13 90
Surry, John W. White.....	7 00	3 00
Smithfield, H. P. Mitchell.....		18 00
Greenville, Charles E. Watts.....	19 21	9 60
	\$427 19	\$100 00

EXPENDED.

Paid J. P. Woodward, Prince George Circuit.....	\$100 00
Paid R. Bagby, Treasurer of Board of Domestic Missions, Petersburg.....	293 32
	\$393 32

MURFFREESBORO DISTRICT.

Northampton, by C. E. Hobday.....	\$37 70	\$40 00
Gates, M. S. Colonna.....	20 00	
Edenton, R. A. Compton	6 50	3 25
Hertford, J. L. Fisher.....	16 70	8 00
Pasquotank, G. W. Nolley.....	15 00	15 00
Indian Ridge, Thomas L. Williams.....	11 00	2 74
Elizabeth City, William P. Wright.....	13 75	27 40
Suffolk, S. S. Lambeth.....	16 00	4 48
Southampton, W. E. Allen.....	20 40	5 00
Bertie, R. N. Crooks.....	10 80	
Murfreesboro, Paul Whitehead	20 00	14 00
	\$187 85	\$119 85

EXPENDED.

Paid H. B. Cowles, for Currituck.....	\$100 00
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NORFOLK DISTRICT.

Norfolk—Cumberland Street, by P. A. Peterson.....	\$70 00	\$31 29
“ Granby Street, W. W. Duncan.....	75 00	25 00
Portsmouth—Dinwiddie Street, W. H. Christian.....	30 00	9 40
Norfolk Circuit, Thomas P. Wise.....	50 00	6 82
East Norfolk Circuit, J. W. Compton.....	10 45	5 00
Princess Anne, John W. Howard.....	12 00	5 50
Eastville, J. B. Merritt.....	20 00	10 00
Pungoteague, J. C. Martin.....	55 00	26 55
Atlantic, J. O. Moss.....	18 35	9 00
Wicomico, J. D. Hank.....	2 00	
Cambridge, C. V. Bingley.....	13 20	6 00
Dorchester, J. B. Dey.....	112 77	12 53
Hampton and York, J. B. Lumsden.....	2 50	1 00
	\$471 27	\$148 09

EXPENDED.

Paid by D. P. Wills to L. K. LeCato	\$200 00
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MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued.

RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT.	Domestic.	Foreign
Rappahannock, by L. H. Greybill.....	\$11 75	
Culpeper, E. H. Pritchett.....	1 00	
Spottsylvania, J. W. F. Jones.....	65	
Caroline, B. W. Daugherty.....	4 75	
King George, T. J. Bayton.....	36 25	
Westmoreland, Joseph H. Davis.....	19 50	\$12 00
Lancaster, W. F. Bain.....	21 60	2 40
Middlesex, R. B. Beadles.....	7 31	7 31
King and Queen, T. M. Beckam.....	7 85	
King William, T. J. Taylor.....	10 00	4 22
Hanover, W. H. Hopkins.....	35 90	10 00
Returned unappropriated, Jacob Manning.....	49 06	
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	\$205 62	\$35 93
EXPENDED.		
Paid L. H. Greybill, Rappahannock.....	\$ 50 00	
Paid E. H. Pritchett, Culpeper.....	400 00	
Paid T. J. Bayton, King George.....	100 00	
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	\$550 00	

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	DOMESTIC.		FOR'GN
	Received.	Exp'd d.	
Richmond	\$379 31	\$400 00	\$ 91 50
Charlottesville.....	170 67	175 00	72 79
Lynchburg.....	809 11	809 11	146 05
Danville.....	87 65	350 00	37 00
Farmville.....	181 75	300 00	110 75
Petersburg	427 19	393 32	100 00
Murfreesboro.....	187 85	100 00	119 85
Norfolk.....	471 27	200 00	148 09
Rappahannock	205 62	550 00	35 93
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	\$2,920 42	\$3,277 43	\$861 96
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.			
S. W. Gary, per W. W. Bennett.....	15 50		
Children of L. D. Ames, per W. W. Bennett....	2 00		2 20
Joicy Ferguson and little sister, " "			
Mite box of Mary Lee, Laura Virginia, Richard			
Heber, and Ellen A. Bennett.....	3 36		
Mite box of Georgie Edwards, per F. M. E.....	4 55		
Mite box of Lizzie Hicks, per F. M. E.....	2 02		
Sunday School at Palmyra, per M. L. Bishop...	7 50		
Rhodes' Sunday School, Batesville Circuit, H.			
H. Gary.....	2 17		
Collection at anniversary meeting at Broad			
Street Church, 13th November instant.....	215 55		
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Collection at Broad Street Church on 12th in-			
stant, paid in to date.....			693 85
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			\$1,558 01

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS—Continued.

WILLIAM WILLIS JR., in account with Domestic Mission Board Virginia Conference.

1868.			
Dec. 15.	To amount received from J. H. Robinson, Treasurer <i>pro tem</i>		\$1,277 83
1869.			
Nov. 18.	“ amount received at present session of Conference, per above account.....		3,173 07
			<u>\$4,450 45</u>
	By am't disbursed on order of the President...	\$1,883 78	
	“ am't expended by Presiding Elders on account of appropriations made by Conference of 1868.....	397 70	
	“ am't expended by P. Elders, or Preachers in charge, on account of Local Missions..	995 95	
		<u>3,277 43</u>	
	“ am't paid Dr. J. B. McFerrin.....		\$1,173 02
			150 00
	Balance on hand for Domestic Missions..		<u>\$1,023 02</u>
	To am't received for Foreign Missions.....		\$1,558 01
	By am't paid Cor. Sec. Board of For. Missions..	\$693 16	
	“ am't paid Treasurer of same.....	863 30	
	“ Exchange on remittances.....	1 55	
		<u>1,558 01</u>	

WM. WILLIS, JR., *Treasurer.*

RICHMOND, Nov. 20th, 1869.

X.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY.

I.—COMMITTEES.

TO EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

R. N. Sledd, *Chairman*,
F. M. Edwards,

Samuel S. Lambeth,
George H. Ray.

TO EXAMINE CLASS OF 1ST YEAR. TO EXAMINE CLASS OF 2D YEAR.

Jas. A. Duncan, *Chairman*,
William E. Judkins,
Oscar Littleton,
Williim G. Lumpkin.

Jno. C. Granbery, *Chairman*,
Hezekiah P. Mitchell,
William W. Duncan,
James P. Garland.

TO EXAMINE CLASS OF 3D YEAR. TO EXAMINE CLASS OF 4TH YEAR.

Peter A. Peterson, *Chairman*,
Robert W. Watts,
Thos. A. Ware,
George E. Booker.

Davis P. Willis, *Chairman*,
William H. Christian,
Edward M. Peterson,
Charles H. Hall.

II.—COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—The Bible: Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith and on the Witness of the Spirit; Rules concerning the Duty of a Preacher, as laid down in the Discipline; Written Essay or Sermon.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible: Historical and Biographical parts with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas and Preachers' Text Book; Wesley's Sermons, Volume I.; Discipline, Hymn Book, Clarke's Preachers' Manual; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Theological Compend, English Grammar, Composition.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible: As to the Institutions of Christianity with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermons, Volume II.; Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis; Hymn Book; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.; Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey; Essay or Sermon, with reference to Quackenbos's Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible: As to Doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermons, Volume III.; Discipline; Hymn Book; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Whately's Rhetoric; Essay or Sermon, with reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible: Generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermon's, Volume IV.; Discipline; Hymn Book; Rivers's Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, Part I.; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History; Whately's Logic; Essay or Sermon.

*** By order of the Conference, the committees are required to enter upon the examinations on the evening next preceding the day appointed for the meeting of the Conference.

XI.

CONSTITUTION

OR

THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

ARTICLE I. The Board shall be known as the Board of Domestic Missions of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ARTICLE II. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and nine managers, who shall be chosen annually by the Virginia Conference. The managers shall consist of five members of the Conference and four laymen. The Board shall fill any vacancy which may occur from death, resignation, or other cause.

ARTICLE III. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and property of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make an accurate report annually of all receipts and disbursements of the Board, to the Virginia Conference. He shall also receive money collected in aid of foreign missions and transmit the same to the Secretary of that Board.

ARTICLE IV. The Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Board.

ARTICLE V. It shall be the duty of the Board to inquire diligently into the labors of the missionaries and the state of the missions; to recommend to the Conference what missions shall be instituted, continued, or discontinued, and what appropriations shall be made for their support; and in the intervals between the sessions of the Conference to organize new missions when they think it necessary and the missionary funds justify it, and request the Bishop to appoint preachers to such missions.

ARTICLE VI. It shall be the duty of the President to publish in our Church papers, from time to time, facts and incidents connected with the condition and need of our various missions, in order to excite our people to enlarged liberality in this department of Christian benevolence; and he shall also present an annual report to this Conference setting forth the present condition of the various missions in our bounds, and making such recommendations as he and the Board may deem advisable for the more complete success of the cause of missions.

ARTICLE VII. Every minister laboring on one of our missions shall forward semi-annually to the President of the Board a full report of his labors and of the state of the mission.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board shall make arrangements before the session of Conference for a public meeting in aid of Domestic Missions, to be held at such time and place during the session of Conference and in such mode as they may deem expedient.

XII.

PLAN OF ELECTING LAY DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Two male members of the Church shall be elected by the first or second Quarterly Conference, of each pastoral charge, to attend the District Conference, and whose especial duty it shall be to elect four lay representatives—one of whom may be a local preacher—from the District to the Annual Conference. In case of failure to hold a District Conference, the Presiding Elder shall call together said representatives of the Quarterly Conferences, for the purpose of electing the delegates to the Annual Conference.

XIII.—FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1869.

I.—Assessments and Receipts on account of Traveling Expenses, Salaries, Conference Collection, and Bishops' Fund.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	Traveling Expenses paid.	SALARIES.			CONF. COLL		BPS FUND.	
			Assessed.	Paid.	Deficient.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.									
Richmond City:	Leo. Rosser, P. E.....	22 50	\$1,000 00	\$ 895 75	\$ 104 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centenary.....	J. C. Granbery.....	.....	2,100 00	2,100 00	.....	\$ 95 00	\$132 85	\$ 25 00	\$ 31 00
Broad Street.....	J. E. Edwards.....	25 00	2,200 00	2,200 00	.....	100 00	100 00	25 00	25 00
Trinity.....	J. A. Proctor.....	35 00	1,560 00	1,560 00	.....	90 00	60 13	25 00	25 00
Clay Street.....	T. A. Ware.....	.....	1,200 00	1,100 00	100 00	.....	43 75	.....	15 00
Union.....	L. M. Lee.....	.....	1,000 00	692 49	307 51	125 00	14 50	30 00	17 00
Rocketts.....	R. A. Armistead.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sidney and Oregon.....	R. A. Armistead.....	.....	700 00	234 73	465 27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manchester.....	J. P. Garland.....	.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	40 00	35 33	15 00	15 00
Charles City.....	G. C. Vanderslice.....	.....	800 00	800 00	.....	40 00	11 00	10 00	10 00
New Kent and Williamsburg.....	Joseph Lear.....	25 00	600 00	500 00	100 00	.....	22 02	.....	18 00
Gloucester.....	E. M. Peterson.....	17 00	700 00	700 00	.....	75 00	75 05	25 00	25 00
Matthews.....	F. M. Edwards.....	12 00	950 00	950 00	.....	75 00	40 40	20 00	26 62
		\$136 50	\$14,110 00	\$13,032 97	\$1,077 03	\$640 00	\$534 96	\$175 00	\$207 62
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.									
Charlottesville.....	L. P. Reed, P. E.....	66 00	1,398 00	1,022 06	375 44	.....	.....	.....	.....
Albemarle.....	Wm E. Edwards.....	.....	1,125 00	985 00	140 00	40 00	52 15	15 00	15 00
Scottsville.....	R. W. Watts.....	.....	1,000 00	696 25	303 75	80 00	80 00	25 00	25 00
Fluvanna.....	{ Geo. E. Booker.....	.....	510 00	355 00	155 00	75 00	26 00	20 00	16 00
Gordonsville & Orange C. H.....	{ Jas. W. Bledsoe.....	.....	150 00	104 00	46 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange Circuit.....	M. L. Bishop.....	.....	795 00	455 87	339 13	55 00	16 78	15 00	5 00
Louisa.....	John N. Jones.....	16 00	300 00	300 00	.....	40 00	29 59	15 00	10 91
Batesville.....	H. M. Linney.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 08	.....	1 08
Nelson.....	A. C. Bledsoe.....	30 00	918 00	692 50	225 50	60 00	30 00	20 00	15 00
Madison.....	H. H. Gary.....	15 00	500 00	419 61	80 39	56 00	59 18	17 00	17 00
Greene.....	James C. Reed.....	10 00	215 00	186 60	29 00	50 00	50 00	15 00	17 00
Piedmont.....	James M. Anderson.....	.....	750 00	720 00	30 00	68 39	25 00	20 50	20 00
Goochland.....	John W. Tucker.....	.....	600 00	390 90	200 10	50 00	26 90	15 00	15 00
Beaver Dam.....	G. W. Baily, (Missionary).....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	D. C. Spiller.....	350 00	214 65	135 35	30 00	6 00	.....	.....	5 00
	W. M. Jerdone.....	10 00	200 00	176 63	23 37	38 00	27 09	12 00	12 00
		\$147 00	\$8,911 00	\$6,827 47	\$2,083 03	\$642 39	\$429 67	\$189 50	\$173 99

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	Traveling Expenses paid.	SALARIES.			CONF COLL		BPS FUND	
			Assessed.	Paid.	Deficient	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.									
Lynchburg City:	A. G. Brown, P. E.	\$45 85	\$1,789 50	\$1,142 67	\$646 83	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centenary.....	G. W. Langhorne.....	40 50	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	\$40 50	\$37 87	\$13 51	\$19 65
Court Street.....	R. N. Sledd.....	51 00	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....	37 50	66 05	12 00	60 00
Amherst.....	J. D. Blackwell.....	39 00	1,000 00	540 00	460 00	65 70	65 70	15 00	19 88
West Amherst.....	W. H. Camper.....	57 00	560 00	172 25	387 75	.....	8 55	.....	4 00
Bedford.....	J. M. Saunders.....	39 00	900 00	800 0	100 00	60 00	50 00	21 06	15 00
South Bedford.....	W. J. Hunter.....	10 00	650 00	393 00	257 00	45 00	24 00	30 00	20 00
Bedford Springs.....	J. R. Waggener.....	10 00	700 00	367 57	332 43	.....	10 75	.....	8 00
Liberty.....	W. G. Starr.....	5 00	500 00	470 0	30 00	12 00	12 00	4 00	4 00
Appomattox.....	F. A. Gibbs.....	.....	660 00	426 41	233 59	.....	17 20	.....	.....
Campbell.....	Joseph Spriggs.....	.....	800 00	312 12	47 88	66 45	28 48	22 35	20 49
Buckingham.....	J. E. McSparran.....	6 53	700 00	300 00	400 0	.....	15 91	.....	10 00
South Buckingham.....	P. F. Angst.....	24 70	300 00	145 25	154 75	23 40	12 50	9 10	4 85
Big Island.....	Elisha D. De Witt.....	.....	175 15	175 15	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....
			\$309 58	\$11,534 65	\$8,044 42	\$3,490 23	\$350 55	\$355 01	\$135 95
									\$185 87
DANVILLE DISTRICT.									
Danville.....	James Jamieson, P. E.	.....	750 00	516 98	233 02	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charlotte.....	C. C. Pearson.....	1,210 00	770 42	429 58	.....	10 00	.....	14 20	.....
West Charlotte.....	H. T. Bacon.....	351 00	276 78	73 22	55 00	49 00	18 00	.....	12 00
Halifax.....	Alfred Wiles.....	4 65	210 0	165 75	43 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
South of Dan.....	Jeremiah McMullan.....	62 50	800 0	505 50	294 50	55 00	17 90	30 00	8 00
Ringgold.....	T. H. Boggs.....	.....	600 00	406 92	193 08	55 00	21 15	.....	10 50
Pittsylvania.....	John G. Baily.....	.....	.....	169 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Staunton.....	D. M. Wallace.....	.....	600 00	458 17	141 83	55 0	33 09	18 00	11 98
Franklin.....	R. A. Lee.....	.....	159 00	103 0	47 00	5 00	5 0	.....	1 60
Henry.....	A. M. Hall.....	.....	500 00	240 80	259 20	35 00	3 25	15 00	4 35
Patrick.....	D. F. Hodges.....	17 50	502 5	375 50	127 00	30 00	30 00	10 00	10 0
	H. C. Bowles.....	.....	200 00	157 64	42 36	30 00	17 90	15 00	10 50
			\$84 65	\$5,862 50	\$4,147 46	\$1,884 04	\$320 00	\$178 29	\$106 00
									\$83 13

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1869.—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	Traveling Expenses paid.	SALARIES.			CONF. COLL.		BPS. FUND.	
			Assessed	Paid.	Deficient	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.									
Farmville.....	Robert Michaels, P. E.....		\$1,350 00	\$1,109 20	\$240 80	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prince Edward.....	Oscar Littleton.....	5 00	1,000 00	894 57	105 43	\$40 00	\$31 00	\$20 00	\$20 05
Burkville.....	J. L. Garrett.....		1,000 00	724 00	289 00	100 00	15 00	30 00	6 20
Lunenburg.....	G. H. Ray.....		800 00	30 00	500 00	.....	6 10	.....	6 10
Boydton.....	J. C. Watson.....		1,900 00	1,000 00	.....	100 00	81 00	40 00	30 00
Mecklenburg.....	J. B. F. Woodward.....		1,250 00	973 29	277 71	70 00	70 00	30 00	30 00
Brundswick.....	J. W. Cobb.....		300 00	233 48	66 52	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nottoway.....	B. H. Johnson.....	70 00	875 00	538 60	336 40	125 00	51 00	60 00	24 35
Amelia.....	J. W. Blincoe.....		806 00	650 00	156 00	.....	60 00	.....	20 00
Powhatan.....	W. G. Lumpkin.....	50 00	1,000 00	850 00	150 00	75 00	60 00	30 00	25 00
Cumberland.....	J. E. Potts.....	80 50	919 50	758 42	161 08	80 00	60 00	25 60	25 00
	J. W. Hilldrup.....		400 00	400 00	.....	50 00	17 00	25 00	7 00
	L. J. Hansberger.....		850 00	745 00	105 00	.....	29 00	.....	15 00
		\$205 50	\$11,550 50	\$9,171 56	\$2,378 94	\$640 0	\$479 10	\$260 00	\$208 70
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.									
Petersburg:	E. P. Wilson, P. E		\$1,600 00	\$1,223 25	\$376 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington Street.....	C. H. Hall.....	45 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	\$113 00	\$113 00	\$33 00	\$33 00
Market Street.....	W. E. Judkins.....	27 83	1,700 00	1,700 00	.....	69 00	118 50	21 00	47 86
High Street.....	J. H. Crown.....	10 50	600 00	600 00	.....	32 00	23 00	10 00	8 00
Ettricks.....	James Baily.....		300 00	23 95	266 05	11 00	.....	3 00	.....
Chesterfield.....	P. W. Archer.....	10 00	1,139 00	542 57	587 43	41 00	25 24	12 00	9 00
Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	W. G. Williams.....		250 00	250 00	.....	57 00	17 98	18 00	5 55
West Dinwiddie.....	G. N. Guy.....		663 00	608 69	54 31	27 00	27 00	7 00	7 00
Dinwiddie.....	Thomas Diggs.....		300 00	178 66	121 34	22 00	22 00	6 00	6 00
Sussex.....	J. H. Amiss.....	10 00	975 00	747 60	227 40	70 00	43 59	21 00	20 00
Greenville.....	C. E. Watts.....		855 00	617 82	237 18	57 00	41 65	17 00	17 00
Prince George.....	J. P. Woodward.....		20 00	146 30	53 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Surry.....	J. W. White.....		450 00	260 04	219 96	65 00	36 50	20 00	13 00
Smithfield.....	H. P. Mitchell.....	50 00	900 00	774 00	125 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....
		\$153 33	\$11,953 00	\$9,632 88	\$2,270 12	\$564 00	\$471 46	\$168 00	\$166 41

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1869.—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	Traveling Expenses paid.	SALARIES.			CONF COLL.		BPS. FUND.		
			Assessed.	Paid.	Deficient.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.	
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.										
Murfreesboro.....	H. B. Cowles, P. E.....	\$59 75	\$945 00	\$733 87	\$211 13	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Paul Whitehead.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	.....	\$85 00	\$68 00	\$25 34	20 20
Northampton.....	{ Charles E. Hobday.....	25 00	550 00	395 00	155 00	85 00	30 68	25 32	15 00	
	{ William Grant.....		159 00	103 60	47 00					
Bertie.....	R. N. Crooks.....	31 00	850 00	655 10	194 90	.....	30 59	12 00	12 00
Edenton.....	R. A. Compton.....	15 70	450 00	450 00	.....	21 24	12 75	6 33	6 75
Hertford.....	J. L. Fisher.....	22 50	800 00	495 31	304 69	85 00	57 50	22 59	22 50	
Pasquotank.....	G. W. Nolley.....	.....	1,009 00	741 00	259 00	85 00	40 00	25 00	15 00
Elizabeth City.....	W. P. Wright.....	19 00	575 00	425 00	151 00	50 00	21 95	19 75	8 75	
Indian Ridge.....	T. L. Williams.....	11 00	875 00	663 00	212 00	80 75	10 00	25 00	10 00	
Suffolk.....	S. S. Lambeth.....	.....	1,000 00	900 00	100 00	51 00	38 17	15 00	15 28
Gates.....	M. S. Colonna.....	25 00	650 00	650 00	.....	80 75	49 00	24 05	10 00
Southampton.....	W. E. Allen.....	19 50	900 00	700 74	199 26	85 00	50 00	25 00	25 00	
			\$227 45	\$9,045 00	\$7,212 02	\$1,832 98	\$708 74	\$408 55	\$225 29	\$160 48
NORFOLK DISTRICT.										
Cumberland Street, Norfolk.....	D. P. Wills, P. E.....	\$146 50	\$1,415 00	\$1,401 22	\$13 78	.....	.....	.....	.....
Granby Street, Norfolk.....	P. A. Peterson.....	10 00	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....	\$75 00	\$112 66	\$20 00	\$20 00
Dinwiddie Street, Portsmouth.....	W. W. Duncan	23 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	75 00	142 00	20 00	20 00
Second Street, Portsmouth.....	W. H. Christian.....	87 60	1,680 00	1,660 00	.....	60 00	92 35	20 00	25 00
Wesley Chapel, Portsmouth.....	L. K. LeCato.....		300 00	301 00	.....				
Norfolk Circuit.....	J. E. Martin.....	10 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	30 00	30 00	15 00	15 00
East Norfolk Circuit.....	T. P. Wise.....		350 00	350 00	.....	30 00	33 25	15 00	15 00
Princess Anne.....	J. W. Compton.....		700 00	700 00	.....	70 00	37 00	20 00	13 00
Eastville.....	J. W. Howard.....	13 50	910 00	703 50	206 50	60 00	43 00	15 00	12 00	
Cambridge.....	J. B. Merritt.....	40 00	735 00	583 00	152 00	40 00	30 00	10 00	8 75	
Dorchester.....	J. C. Martin.....	23 00	850 00	851 00	.....	75 00	89 00	20 00	29 00
Hampton and York	J. O. Moss.....	4 00	875 00	814 20	61 80	60 00	15 80	20 00	20 00	
	J. D. Hank.....	25 00	400 00	400 00	.....	42 00	21 52	15 00	10 00
	B. F. Temple.....		250 00	241 00	10 00					
	C. V. Bingley.....	37 00	600 00	595 38	94 62	25 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	
	{ J. B. Dey.....		800 00	675 72	124 28	65 00	65 00	25 00	25 00	
	{ N. Chamberlain.....		215 00	181 60	33 40					
	J. D. Lumsden.....	25 00	600 00	506 16	93 84	20 00	22 76	5 00	3 50	
			\$449 60	\$15,260 00	\$14,470 78	\$789 22	\$727 00	\$759 34	\$230 00	\$217 25

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1869.—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	Traveling Expenses Paid.	SALARIES.			CONF. COLL.		BPS. FUND.	
			Assessed	Paid.	Deficient.	Asses'd	Paid.	Asses'd	Paid.
RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT.									
Rappahannock.....	Jacob Manning, P. E.....	\$1,365 00	\$832 34	\$482 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	L. H Greybill.....	540 00	362 69	177 31	\$50 00	\$12 80	\$15 00	\$9 75	
Culpeper.....	E H Pritchett.....	\$30 00	1,070 00	578 00	492 00	50 00	9 89	15 00	2 95
Spottsylvania.....	J. W. F. Jones.....	300 00	106 24	193 76	.....	3 50	.....	.....	1 00
Caroline.....	J G Rowe (five months).	416 67	110 40	306 27	65 00	5 50	20 00	3 70	
	B W Dangherty.....	300 00	132 50	167 50					
	T. J. Bayton.....	600 00	476 22	123 78	50 00	30 20	15 00	7 47	
King George.....	J. H. Davis.....	735 00	306 10	428 90	65 00	23 66	29 00	6 30	
Westmoreland.....	W. E Payne.....	135 00	107 25	27 85	30 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	
Northumberland.....	W. F. Bain.....	20 00	800 00	627 47	172 53	65 00	42 25	29 00	14 00
Lancaster	R. B. Beadles		600 00	563 70	36 30	76 84	51 85	23 04	17 00
Middlesex.....	T M Beckham.....	65 00	800 00	417 14	382 86	65 00	16 32	20 00	12 55
King & Queen.....	T. J. Taylor.....	250 00	158 75	91 25	30 00	21 00	10 00	7 00	
King William.....	W. H. Hopkins.....	46 00	804 00	537 57	236 43	65 00	43 57	20 00	20 00
Hanover.....									
		\$'61 00	\$8,715 67	\$5,396 37	\$3,319 40	\$611 84	\$271 54	\$183 04	\$103 72

A. G. BROWN, Chairman Joint Board Finance.

G. C. VANDERSLICE, Secretary.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCES.

The following table has been carefully prepared in order to give a comparative view of the finances, by districts, for 1868 and 1869.

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DISTRICTS.	SALARIES.						AVERAGE PAID, PER WHITE MEMBER.									
	Average Asses'd		Average Paid.		Deficiency.		For Salaries.		For Missions		For Support of Bishops.		For Conference Collection.		For all Purposes.	
	1868.	1869.	1868.	1869.	1868.	1869.	1868.	1869.	1868.	1869.	1868.	1869.	1868.	1869.	1868	1869.
Richmond.....	\$876	\$1,176	\$744	\$1,086	15	7 5/8	\$2 37	\$3 01	13	11	4 3/4	4 3/4	11 1/4	12 1/2	\$2 66	\$3 29
Charlottesville.....	640	557	431	427	33	23	1 50	1 61	6	4 3/4	6 1/3	4 1/8	8 1/2	10 1/4	1 70	1 81
Lynchburg.....	941	824	663	575	30	30 1/4	2 38	2 07	6	22	4 3/4	4 3/4	7 1/4	9 1/4	2 55	2 43
Danville.....	589	488	309	346	48	29	1 37	1 26	2	3 3/4	2 1/3	2 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	1 46	1 39
Farmville.....	886	888	650	705	27	20	2 06	2 08	7	6 5/8	3 7/8	4 3/4	9 1/2	11	2 26	2 30
Petersburg.....	887	854	652	692	26 1/4	19	2 36	2 33	14	12 5/8	4 1/2	4	12	11 1/2	2 66	2 61
Murfreesboro.....	752	696	498	552	34	20	1 27	1 30	2	5 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	7 1/2	1 36	1 46
Norfolk.....	856	848	749	804	12 1/2	5	3 02	2 86	12	12 1/3	4 3/4	4 1/2	12 1/2	15	3 31	3 17
Rappahannock.....	563	670	399	415	29	38	1 28	1 28	8	4 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	1 44	1 41
THE WHOLE CONFERENCE	783	770	575	619	27	19 1/4	1 97	1 99	8	12	4 1/3	4	8 1/2	10	2 18	2 25

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

II.—Receipts and Disbursements on account of Conference Collection.

Amount necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers.....\$6,000 00

COLLECTED ON THE FOREGOING:

From Richmond District.....	\$ 534 96
" Charlottesville District.....	429 67
" Lynchburg District.....	355 01
" Danville District.....	178 29
" Farmville District.....	479 10
" Petersburg District.....	471 46
" Murfreesboro District.....	408 55
" Norfolk District.....	750 34
" Rappahanock District.....	271 54
" Halifax Circuit per J. Lear (1868).....	8 50
" J. R. Kilby, Treasurer, 1868.....	12 00
" L. M. Lee, Trustee Dr. Hall's Legacy.....	21 00
Remaining in hands of A. G. Brown.....	89 00

	\$4,018 42

PAID TO:

Jacob Shough.....\$ 80 00	Amount brought up.....\$2,298 00
Henry C. Cheatham.....280 00	Mrs. Mary Bain.....120 00
John C. Garlick.....160 00	Mrs. Blount and child.....140 00
Humphrey Billups.....120 00	Mrs. Beckwith and child.....140 00
Joseph Carson.....60 00	Miss Sarah Robertson.....32 00
Wm. A. Robinson.....80 00	Child of W. P. Twyman.....20 00
Sam'l T. Moorman.....160 00	Mrs. A. Boyd.....80 00
Mrs. J. W. Childs.....120 00	Mrs. T. C. Hayes.....60 00
Mrs. B. E. Gibson.....150 00	Mrs. W. M. Ward.....60 00
Mrs. F. Stanly.....60 00	Mrs. Wonnycott & 3 child'n.....192 00
Mrs. Pierce and 5 children....256 00	Miss Mollie Wonnycott.....32 00
Mrs. M. M. Kessee.....120 00	Mrs. A. Dibrell.....120 00
Mrs. Maria Peyton.....80 00	Mrs. J. E. Joyner.....120 00
Mrs. Robert Scott.....120 00	Mrs. Gregory and 6 children.....276 00
Mrs. J. D. Coulling and child.....140 00	Mrs. Julia Wood.....80 00
Mrs. J. H. Payne.....120 00	Mrs. Miles.....80 00
Mrs. Shelton and 3 children...192 00	Mrs. Atmore.....60 00
Amount carried up.....\$2,298 00	\$3,910 00
Expense Account.....	3 25
Contingent Fund.....	105 17

	\$4,018 42

III.—Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Bishops' Fund.

Collected.....	\$1,520 18
Paid Bishop Wightman by D. P. Wills.....\$ 85 00	
" " Early by G. W. Langhorne.....19 65	
" " Doggett by G. M. Bain, Jr., Treasurer.....1,415 53	

	\$1,520 18

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.—CONTINUED.

IV.—Assessments for 1870.

1. Conference Collection.....\$6,000 00

Apportioned (at the rate of 16 cents per member) as follows:

Richmond District.....\$ 670 00	Petersburg District.....\$ 640 00
Charlottesville " 650 00	Murfreesboro " 850 00
Lynchburg " 600 00	Norfolk " 780 00
Danville " 500 00	Rappahannock " 650 00
Farmville " 660 00	
Total.....	\$6,000 00

2. For Support of Bishops.....\$1,800 00

Apportioned (at the rate of 6 cents per member) as follows:

Richmond District.....\$ 200 00	Petersburg District.....\$ 191 00
Charlottesville " 196 00	Murfreesboro " 256 00
Lynchburg " 180 00	Norfolk " 232 00
Danville " 149 00	Rappahannock " 195 00
Farmville " 201 00	
Total.....	\$1,800 00

3. For Randolph Macon College.....\$2,500 00

Apportioned (at the rate of 6½ cents per member) as follows:

Richmond District.....\$ 279 00	Petersburg District.....\$ 269 00
Charlottesville " 270 00	Murfreesboro " 354 00
Lynchburg " 239 00	Norfolk " 325 00
Danville " 214 00	Rappahannock " 271 00
Farmville " 279 00	
Total.....	\$2,500 00

A. G. BROWN,

Chairman Joint Board Finance.

G. C. VANDERSLICE, *Secretary.*

XIV.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

I.—TRAVELING MINISTERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* in the traveling connection.

The column of letters denote, E—Elder; D—Deacon; P—Probationer; Sy—Supernumerary; Sd—Superannuated.

Those marked thus * were not present during the session.
Where the State is not given the postoffice is in Virginia.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	PRESENT RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Arnold, Isaac M.*	1837	E Sy	Farmers Grove, Southampton co.
2. Archer, Philmer W.	1839	E	Chesterfield Court House.
3. August, Peter F.	1846	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
4. Amiss, Joseph H.*	1854	E	Coman's Well, Sussex county,
5. Anderson, James M.	1857	E	Mechum's River, Albemarle county
6. Ames, Benj. T.*	1858	D Sd	Locustville, Accomac county.
7. Allen, Wm. E.	1859	E	Portsmouth.
8. Armistead Robert A.	1868	E P	Richmond city.
9. Burton, Robert O.	1833	E	Weldon, N. C.
10. Billups, Humphrey	1837	E Sd	Matthews Court House.
11. Bayley, John	1840	E	Scottsville, Albemarle county.
12. Bennett Wm. W.	1842	E	Richmond city.
13. Brannin, James F.*	1845	E Sy	Brandy Station, Culpeper county.
14. Bayton, Thomas J.*	1846	E	Lancaster Court House.
15. Boggs, Francis J.	1846	E	Richmond city.
16. Blackwell, John D.	1846	E	Amherst Court House.
17. Bain, William F.*	1851	E	Edge Hill, King George county.
18. Bishop, Milton L.	1848	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna county.
19. Brown, Alex. G.	1853	E	Lynchburg.
20. Beadles, Robert B.	1855	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham county.
21. Boggs, Thomas H.	1855	E	Saluda, Middlesex county.
22. Blincoe, James W.	1857	E	Lawrenceville, Brunswick county.
23. Booker, George E.	1859	E	Petersburg.
24. Bingley, Chas. V.	1859	E	Cambridge, Md.
25. Blogg, Edward N. S.	1860	E	Baltimore, Md.
26. Bowles, Henry C.	1860	E	Rocky Mount, Franklin county.
27. Bledsoe, Adam C.	1861	E	Louisa Court House,
28. Beckham, Thos. M.	1863	E	King and Queen Court House.
29. Bacon, Herbert T.	1865	E Sd	McIvor's Depot, Amherst county.
30. Bledsoe, James W.	1869	P	Culpeper Court House.
31. Carson, Joseph*	1805	E Sd	
32. Carson, Robert I.*	1829	E Sy	Garysville, Prince George county.
33. Cowles, Henry B.	1831	E	Mt. Pinson, Jefferson county, Ala.
34. Campbell, Thos. S.*	1831	E Sy	Portsmouth.
35. Christian, Wm. H.	1852	E	Williamsburg.
36. Crown, James H.	1856	E	Gatesville, N. C.
37. Colonna, Major S.	1858	E	Harmony, Halifax county.
38. Camper, Wm. H.	1859	E	Norfolk city.
39. Compton, James W.	1860	E	

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	PRESENT RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
40. Connelly, Jas. W.	1860	E	Surry Court House.
41. Compton, Robt. A.	1862	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
42. Crooks, Robt. N.	1865	E	Harrcllsville, N. C.
43. Cobb, Wm. R.	1868	E	United States Navy.
44. Devany, Benjamin*	1806	E Sd	Jerusalem, Southampton county.
45. Dance, Mathew M.*	1812	E Sd	Meherrin Depot, Pr. Ed. county.
46. Davis, Joseph H.	1836	E	Hague, Westmoreland county.
47. Diggs, Thomas	1843	E Sy	Dinwiddie Court House.
48. Dey, John B.	1847	E	Hicksford, Greensville county.
49. Duncan, James A.	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
50. Duncan, Wm. W.	1859	E	Norfolk city.
51. Daugherty, B. W.	1855	E	Edenton, N. C.
52. Edwards, John E.	1835	E	Richmond city.
53. Early, Thomas H.*	1857	E Sy	Lynchburg.
54. Edwards, Wm. E.	1862	E	Farmville.
55. Edwards, Francis M.	1863	E	Matthews Court House.
56. Fisher, James L.	1848	E	Hertford, N. C.
57. Finnell, James F.	1853	E	Beaver Dam, Hanover county.
58. Ferguson, Richard	1869	P	Clover Hill, Chesterfield county.
59. Garlick, John C.*	1839	E Sd	Garysburg, N. C.
60. Gary, Hartwell H.	1839	E	Charlottesville.
61. Grant, William	1841	E	Jackson, N. C.
62. Gregory, Robert A.*	1844	E Sd	
63. Gibbs, Esmond A.	1846	E	Concord Depot, Campbell county.
64. Granberry, John C.	1848	E	Richmond city.
65. Garland, James P.	1858	E	Manchester.
66. Greybill, Lewis H.	1859	E	Charlotte Court House.
67. Guy, George N.	1861	E	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county.
68. Garrett, Joshua L.	1866	E	Moore's Ordinary, Pr. Ed. county.
69. Hansberger, Layton J.	1839	E	Sunny-Side, Cumberland county.
70. Howard, John W.	1845	E	Princess Anne Court House.
71. Hall, Alexander M.	1852	E	Whitnell, Pittsylvania county.
72. Hall, Charles H.	1853	E	Petersburg.
73. Hunter, Wm. I.	1859	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
74. Hank, Josiah D.	1866	E	Salisbury, Md.
75. Hilldrup, John W.	1866	D	Campbell Court House.
76. Hobday, Chas. E.	1867	D	Pierce's, Goochland county.
77. Hopkins, Wm. H.	1867	D	Ashland, Hanover county.
78. Hodges, David F.	1867	D	Shady Grove, Franklin county.
79. Hughes, James A.	1869	P	Penn's Store, Patrick county.
80. Jamieson, James	1829	E	Danville.
81. Johnson, B. H.	1838	E	St. Tammany's, Mecklenburg co.
82. Judkins, Wm. E.	1853	E	Petersburg.
83. Jones, John W. F.	1859	E	Clover Green, Spotsylvania county.
84. Jones, John N.	1866	E	Gordonsville.
85. Jerdone, Wm. M.	1866	E	Howardsville, Albemarle county.
86. Jordan, Edward M.	1869	P	Heathville, Northumberland county
87. Jordan, Wm. P.	1869	P	Harrellsville, N. C.
88. Lee, Leroy M.	1828	E	Richmond city.
89. Langhorne, Geo. W.	1830	E	Lynchburg.
90. Lear, Joseph	1834	E	Williamsburg.
91. Lumsden, Jas. D.	1838	E	Hampton.
92. Linney, Henry M.	1842	E Sy	Gordonsville.
93. Littleton, Oscar	1850	E	Temperanceville, Accomac county.
94. Laurens, John B.	1853	E Sy	Baltimore, Md.

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NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	PRESER- RELATION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
✓ 95. Lumpkin, Wm. G. ✓	1854	E	Blacks & Whites, Nottoway county.
96. Lambeth, Sam'l S.	1857	E	Charlottesville.
✓ 97. Lafferty, John J.	1857	E Sy	Lexington.
✓ 98. McAden, James.* ✓	1814	E Sy	South Hill, Mecklenburg county.
✓ 99. Moorman, Sam'l T. *	1828	E Sd	Richmond City.
✓ 100. Michaels, Robert. ✓	1836	E	Farmville.
101. Manning, Jacob,	1839	E	Charlottesville.
✓ 102. McMullan, Jeremiah.	1850	E	Meadsville, Halifax county.
✓ 103. Moore, Lloyd.* ✓	1852	E	Eastville, Northampton county.
104. Mitchell, H. P.	1854	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
105. Moss, James O.	1856	E	Cambridge, Md.
106. McSparran, Jas. E.	1857	E	Garysburg, N. C.
✓ 107. Martin, Jas. C.	1859	E	Onancock, Accomac county.
108. Martin, Jos. E.	1862	E	Portsmouth.
109. Merritt, Joseph B.	1862	E	Sea View, Northampton county.
✓ 110. Nolley, George W. ✓	1825	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
✓ 111. Norfleet, Wm. J. ✓	1840	E	Edenton, N. C.
112. Proctor, Joseph A.	1852	E	Richmond City.
113. Peterson, Edward M.	1852	E	Gloucester C. H.
✓ 114. Peterson, Peter A.	1852	E	Norfolk City.
115. Pearson, Chas. C.	1853	E	Danville.
116. Poulton, John F.*	1853	E Sy	Alexandria.
117. Potts, Joseph E.	1853	E	Amelia Court House.
✓ 118. Proctor, Jacob H.	1857	E Sy	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county.
✓ 119. Pritchett, Edgar H. ✓	1859	E	Culpeper Court House.
✓ 120. Payne, Wm. E.	1869	P	Orange Court House.
✓ 121. Rowzie, William B. ✓	1829	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
122. Riddick, James A.	1833	E Sy	Stony Creek, Sussex county.
✓ 123. Rosser, Leonidas, ✓	1840	E	Richmond City.
✓ 124. Rowe, John G. ✓	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
✓ 125. Robinson, Wm. A.	1851	E Sd	Pierce's, Goochland county.
126. Ray, George H.	1853	E	Burkville, Nottoway county.
✓ 127. Riddick, Joseph H.	1854	E Sy	Kittrell's Springs, N. C.
✓ 128. Robins, Wilbur F.	1862	E	Amissville, Rappahannock county.
129. Reed, James C.	1868	D	Ballsville, Powhatan county.
130. Rhodes, James Q.	1869	P	Berlin, Maryland.
✓ 131. Stewart, Alexander.*	1839	E Sd	Murfreesboro', N. C.
✓ 132. Shough, Jacob.* ✓	1840	E Sd	Patrick Courthouse.
✓ 133. Saunders, John M. ✓	1842	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
✓ 134. Slaughter, D. J. C.* ✓	1842	E Sy	Rose Mills, Amherst county.
✓ 135. Southall, John D.	1842	E Sy	Mossing Ford, Charlotte county.
✓ 136. Spiller, Benjamin C. ✓	1848	E Sy	Pierce's, Goochland county.
✓ 137. Spriggs, Joseph, ✓	1850	E Sy	Campbell Courthouse.
138. Spencer, James L.	1850	E Sy	Nottoway Courthouse.
139. Sledd, Robert N.	1857	E	Lynchburg.
140. Spain, Wm. W.	1859	D	Hicksford, Greensville county.
141. Starr, Wm. G.	1865	E	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
✓ 142. Tucker, John W.	1861	E	Ruckersville, Greene county.
✓ 143. Tennille, Benj. F. ✓	1867	D	Deep Creek, Norfolk county.
144. Taylor, Travis J.	1867	D	Dinwiddie Courthouse.
145. Vanderslice, Geo. C.	1859	E	Richmond City.
146. Vaden, Wesley C.	1861	E	Currituck Courthouse, N. C.
✓ 147. White, John W. ✓	1828	E	Newsom's Depot, Southampton co.
✓ 148. Wilson, Edward P.	1842	E	Ream's Station, Dinwiddie county.
✓ 149. Woodward, Benj. F.	1844	E	Richmond City.

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NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	PRESENT RELATION.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
150. Wills, Davis P.	1846	E	Norfolk city.
151. Wiles, Alfred ✓	1848	E	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
152. Waggener, James R.	1849	E	New London, Campbell county.
✓ 153. Williams, Wm. G. ✓	1850	E	Montreal, Nelson county.
154. Wallace, David M.	1853	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
155. Whitehead, Paul	1853	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
✓ 156. Williams, Thomas L. ✓	1853	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
157. Woodward, John P.	1853	E	Prince George Courthouse.
✓ 158. Ware, Thomas A. ✓	1848	E	Richmond city.
159. Watts, Robert W.	1857	E	Madison Courthouse.
✓ 160. Williams, Benj. M. ✓	1858	E Sd	Buckland, Lunenburg county.
161. Watson, James C.	1859	E	Kinsale, Westmoreland county.
162. Watts, Charles E.	1866	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
163. Wright, William P.	1867	D	King William Courthouse.
✓ 164. Wright, George M. ✓	1869	P	

*.*After the first page of the above Directory was printed, it was found that T. J. Bayton had been erroneously marked *absent*.

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II.—LOCAL MINISTERS.

Where the State is not given the post-office is in Virginia.

NAMES.	DISTRICT.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Adams, R. E. G.	Farmville,	Amelia Court House.
2. Addison, James	Norfolk,	Onancock, Accomac county.
3. Allen, Samuel C.	Lynchburg,	Lynchburg.
4. Ayres, Thomas E.	"	University of Virginia.
5. Arnold, Hartwell	Danville,	Red Oak Grove, Charlotte county.
6. Arnold, Joseph D.	"	" " " "
7. Alberton, Joshua	"	Lambsburg, Carroll county, N. C.
8. Archer, A. L.	Petersburg,	Petersburg.
9. Bowen, William	Norfolk,	New-Ark, Md.
10. Barnett, Edw'd D.	"	Cambridge, Md.
11. Boggs, Charles H.	Rappahannock,	Ayletts, King and Queen county.
12. Butts, D. G.	"	Ashland, Hanover county.
13. Baily, James	Petersburg,	Petersburg.
14. Barker, F. W.	"	Dinwiddie Court House.
15. Britton, Elisha	Murfreesboro,	Jackson, N. C.
16. Baily, George W.	Charlottesville,	Criglersville, Madison county.
17. Boyd, John H.	Richmond,	Richmond city.
18. Buckner, B. M.	Charlottesville,	Bumpass, Hanover county.
19. Bouldin, R. E.	Danville,	Aspinwall, Charlotte county.
20. Barnes, James H.	Farmville,	Amelia Court House.
21. Bidgood, R. W.	"	Farmville.
22. Bain, George M.	Norfolk,	Portsmouth.
23. Bagwell, Thos. H.	"	Norfolk.
24. Crawley, Jas. D.	Farmville,	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
25. Clarke, J. S. R.	"	Prince Edward Court House.
26. Cox, Newton	Norfolk,	London Bridge.
27. Carter, Wm.	Farmville,	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.

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NAMES.	DISTRICT.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
28. Clarke, W. G.	Charlottesville,	Union Mills, Fluvanna county.
29. Crute, John V.	Lynchburg,	Curdserville, Buckingham county.
30. Campbell, Thos.	Lynchburg,	Amherst Court House.
31. Claiborne, Gregory	Farmville,	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick co.
32. Crowder, Jas. A.	Murfreesboro,	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
33. Crostick, J. S.	Petersburg,	Genito, Powhatan county.
34. Cary, E. B.	Norfolk,	Berlin, Maryland.
35. Creary, W. S.	Danville,	Mt. Airy, Surry county.
36. Chamberlayne, J. L.	Murfreesboro,	South Mills, N. C.
37. Cottrill, Charles	Petersburg,	Petersburg.
38. Drumwright, T. J.	"	Wakefield, Sussex county.
39. Duffy, J. W.	Rappahannock,	Ashland, Hanover county.
40. Drewry, T. C. C.	Danville,	Gogginsville, Franklin county.
41. Dadisman, J. W.	Charlottesville,	Luray, Page county.
42. Dunn, Thos. R.	"	Trevillian's, Louisa county.
43. De Witt, E. D.	Lynchburg,	Big Island, Bedford county.
44. Davis, Bev. H.	Danville,	Callen's Pittsylvania county.
45. Doyle, Theo.	Farmville,	Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick co.
46. Edwards, A. L.	Charlottesville,	Norwood, Nelson county.
47. Elliott, J. W.	Norfolk,	Locust Mt., Accomac county.
48. Ferebee, Samuel	Murfreesboro,	Currituck Court House, N. C.
49. Forncrook, John	Petersburg,	Surry Court House.
50. Friend, Charles	"	Proctor's Creek, Chesterfield co.
51. Foster, R. B.	"	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie co.
52. Fulton, Thomas	Lynchburg,	Concord, Campbell county.
53. Fortune, Joel	Charlottesville,	Howardsville, Albemarle co.
54. Figg, Royall W.	Richmond,	Richmond city.
55. Finch, Adam	Farmville,	Christiansville, Mecklenburg co.
56. Finch, L. E.	"	Boydtown,
57. Flythe, Jesse	Murfreesboro,	Jackson, N. C.
58. Gosce, F. A.	Petersburg,	Ream's Station, Dinwiddie county.
59. Gordon, Wm. H.	Farmville,	Ballsville, Powhatan county.
60. Garrett, Wm.	"	Oak Forest, Cumberland county.
61. Gates, James E.	Richmond,	Richmond City.
62. Hays, Thos. W.	Murfreesboro,	Winton, Hertford county, N. C.
63. Hebard, Edward	Norfolk,	Pungoteague, Accomac county.
64. Humphreys Josh.	"	" " "
65. Harrison, John	Rappahannock,	Land of Promise, Pr. Anne co.
66. Hannon, John	Farmville,	Ashland, Hanover county.
67. Hawks, Edward	Norfolk,	Wellsville, Nottoway county.
68. Halstead, Adam	"	Princess Anne Court House.
69. Halstead, H. H.	Petersburg,	Blossom Hill, Princess Anne co.
70. Harrison, Jas. W.	Charlottesville,	Petersburg.
71. Hall, John	"	Palmyra, Fluvanna county.
72. Hoyle, Thos. L.	"	Madison Court House.
73. Howard, Pleasant	Richmond,	Hunter's Lodge, Fluvanna co.
74. Hunley, T. M.	Danville,	Matthews Court House.
75. Hall, Byrd J.	"	Whitmell, Pittsylvania county.
76. Hurndon, John	Norfolk,	Carter's Store, Pittsylvania co.
77. Hopkins, Edward	Murfreesboro,	Yorktown.
78. Jordan, James P.	"	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
79. Jarvis, B. H.	"	Narrow Shire, Currituck co., N.C.
80. Jordan, Costen	"	Sunbury, N. C.
81. Jones, James	Farmville,	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick co.
82. Kirby, John	Petersburg,	Ream's Station, Dinwiddie co.
83. Keaton, Thos.	"	Elizabeth City, N. C.
84. Kennedy, W. W.	"	" " "
85. LeCato, L. K.	Danville,	Locust Mt., Accomac county.
86. Lampkin, J. J.		Chalk Level, Pittsylvania county.

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NAMES.	DISTRICT.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
87. Montgomery, H. T.	Farmville,	Charley Hope, Brunswick county.
88. Morgan, Seth.	Murfreesboro,	Elizabeth City, N. C.
89. Martin, James	Norfolk,	Norfolk city.
90. McDonald, James	Rappahannock,	Tappahannock, Essex county.
91. Moore, W. R.	Lynchburg,	Stonewall, Appomattox county.
92. Moorman, John I.	"	Castle Craig, Campbell county.
93. Mathews, Geo. W.	Norfolk,	New Church, Accomac county.
94. Napier, W. H.	Charlottesville,	Central Plains.
95. Nelms, H. P.	Rappahannock,	Fredericksburg.
96. Newsom, T. M.	Murfreesboro,	Henry P. O., Sussex county.
97. Owens, B. H.	Norfolk,	Portsmouth.
98. Oldham, M.	"	Temperanceville, Accomac co.
99. Petherbridge, C. W.	Richmond,	Richmond City.
100. Pryor, H. T.	Lynchburg,	Big Island, Bedford county.
101. Parham, G. W. S.	Petersburg,	Stony Creek, Sussex county.
102. Peace, Willis H.	Farmville,	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick co.
103. Pitt, John R.	Norfolk,	Berlin, Maryland.
104. Pitts, Robert	"	New-Ark, Maryland.
105. Pitts, Laban W.	"	Norfolk City.
106. Peatross, R. S.	Rappahannock,	Hanover Court House.
107. Pascoe, John L.	Lynchburg,	Buford's, Amherst county.
108. Rawlins, Nicholas	Petersburg,	Lawrenceville, Brunswick co.
109. Rowlett, Jas. H.	Richmond,	Richmond City.
110. Rives, George	Petersburg,	Stony Creek, Sussex county.
111. Ross, Charles R.	Charlottesville,	Charlottesville.
112. Robinson, E. C.	Farmville,	Amelia Court House.
113. Rowlett, T. W.	"	Chula Depot, Amelia county.
114. Saunders, R. M.	Norfolk,	Norfolk City.
115. Strawhand, J. E.	"	Princess Anne Court House.
116. Shield, J. W.	"	Yorktown.
117. Spiers, J. A.	Rappahannock,	Ashland, Hanover county.
118. Sanford, J. H.	"	Lancaster Court House.
119. Scott, Frank	"	Rutherford Glenn, Caroline county.
120. Shackford, J. W.	"	Walkerton, King and Queen co.
121. Smith, Joseph	Murfreesboro,	Belvidere, Perquimous co., N. C.
122. Smith, Edwin	"	Suffolk.
123. Shiane, Richard	"	Jackson, N. C.
124. Sanford, R. J.	Rappahannock,	Kinsale, Westmoreland county.
125. Spiers, J. B.	Petersburg,	Ream's Station, Dinwiddie county.
126. Sale, R. W.	Richmond,	Richmond City.
127. Sweeney, M.	Richmond,	"
128. Spencer, Thos. C.	Farmville,	Keysville.
129. Thomas, Geo. E.	"	Mathews Court House.
130. Twiford, Obed	Norfolk,	Pungoteague, Accomac county.
131. Thomas, Allen	Rappahannock,	Point Easton, Caroline county.
132. Twitty, J. F.	"	Ashland, Hanover county.
133. Trimyer, G. W.	Norfolk,	Yorktown.
134. Travers, Levi D.	"	Taylor's Island, Maryland.
135. Thrift, S. L.	"	Norfolk City.
136. Vaden, M.	Petersburg,	Winterpock, Chesterfield county.
137. Warwick, B. P.	"	Petersburg.
138. Whitehead, W.	Murfreesboro,	Belvidere, Perquimons co., N. C.
139. Webb, Thos. V.	Norfolk,	Great Bridge, Norfolk county.
140. Wright, Luther	Rappahannock,	Apple-Wood, Caroline county.
141. Wingsfield, N.	Lynchburg,	Allen's Creek, Amherst county.
142. Wise, Thos. P.	Richmond,	
143. Goins, H., col'd.		Earlysville, Albemarle county.
144. Nelson, G., col'd.		St. Tammany's, Mecklenburg co.
145. Scott, T., col'd.		Prince Edward Court House.

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III.—LAY DELEGATES TO THE SESSION OF 1869.

Those marked thus * were not present during the session.
Where the State is not given the post-office is in Virginia.

NAMES.	DISTRICT REPRESEN'D.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Bain, Jr., Geo. M.	Norfolk,	Portsmouth.
2. Bass, Thos. M.	Lynchburg,	Nebraska, Appomattox county.
3. Boggs, Rev. C. H.	Rappahannock,	Aylett's, King and Queen county.
4. Brown, E. B.	Charlottesville,	Free Union, Albemarle county.
5. Byrd, Wm. S.*	Norfolk,	New Church, Accomac county.
6. Clarke, Rev. W. G.	Charlottesville,	Union Mills, Fluvanna county.
7. Cowles, D. S.	Richmond,	New Kent Court House.
8. Crawley, Rev. J. D.*	Farmville,	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
9. Deming, Jos. C.	Norfolk,	Norfolk City.
10. Edwards, John T.	Lynchburg.	Lynchburg,
11. Fulton, W. J.	Danville,	Whitmell, Pittsylvania county.
12. Garrett, Thos. W.	Rappahannock,	King and Queen Court House.
13. Gill, Wm. M.	Farmville,	Crimea, Dinwiddie county.
14. Hancock, Dr. J. F.	Rappahannock,	Thornsburg, Spotsylvania co.
15. Ivey, J. J.	Petersburg,	Petersburg.
16. Jordan, A. S.*	Murfreesboro,	Gatesville, N. C.
17. Kilby, John R.	"	Suffolk.
18. McGilvray, Rv. WB	Danville,	Danville.
19. Paul, D'Arcy	Petersburg,	Petersburg.
20. Quisenbury, J. S.	Rappahannock,	Edge Hill, King George county.
21. Robinson, J. H.	Lynchburg,	Lynchburg.
22. Scott, R. A.*	Danville,	Rocky Mount, Franklin county.
24. Shepherd, Dr. S. M.	Charlottesville,	Greenwood Depot, Albemarle co.
24. Smith, R. P.*	Danville,	Mt. Laurel, Halifax county.
25. Snyder, Asa	Richmond,	Richmond City.
26. Stubbs, Jeff. W.	"	Gloucester Court House.
27. Travers, Rev. L. D.	Norfolk,	Taylor's Island, Maryland.
28. Walford, T. L. D.	Richmond,	Richmond City.
29. Webster, Dr. W. T.	Farmville,	Amelia Court House.
30. Webb, Wm. W.	"	Lunenburg Court House.
61. West, Francis T.	Charlottesville,	Trevillian's, Louisa county.
32. Whitehead, Thos.	Lynchburg,	Amherst Court House.
33. Williams, H. C.	Murfreesboro,	Gatesville, N. C.
34. Williamson, J. P.	Petersburg,	Petersburg.
35. Wingfield, Dr. J. A.	"	Stony Creek.
36. Yeates, J. J.	Murfreesboro,	Murfreesboro, N. C.

APPENDIX:

I.—Sessions of the Virginia Annual Conference.

At several of the Conferences, two or more Bishops were present. The person who signed the journal of proceedings, is put down in the following list as President of the Conference.

SESSION.	PLACE.	DATE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	Mabry's, Brunswick co., Va...	Nov. 1796	Bp. Asbury	Not known
2	Lane's, Sussex co., Va.....	Nov. 1797	Bp. Asbury	Not known
3	Salem, Mecklenburg co., Va...	Ap'l 1798	Bp. Asbury	Not known
4	Jones's, Sussex co., Va.....	Ap'l 1799	Bp. Asbury	Not known
5	Blount's, Isle of Wight, Va....	Ap'l 1800	Bp. Asbury	Not known
6	Dromgoole's, Brunswick, Va..	Ap'l 1801	Bp. Asbury	Not known
7	Salem, Mecklenburg co., Va...	Mar. 1802	Bp. Asbury	Not known
8	Olive Branch, Brunswick, Va.	Mar. 1803	Bp. Asbury	Alex. McCaine
9	Salem, Mecklenburg co., Va...	Ap'l 1804	Bp. Asbury	Alex. McCaine
10	Edm'd Taylor's, Caswell, N. C.	Mar. 1805	Bp. Asbury	Alex. McCaine
11	Norfolk City, Va.....	Feb. 1806	Bp. Asbury	T. L. Douglass
12	Newbern, N. C.....	Feb. 1807	Bp. Asbury	T. L. Douglass
13	Lynchburg, Va	Feb. 1808	Bp. Asbury	T. L. Douglass
14	Tarboro, N. C.....	Feb. 1809	Bp. Asbury	T. L. Douglass
15	Petersburg, Va.....	Feb. 1810	Bp. McKendree	T. L. Douglass
16	Raleigh, N. C.....	Feb. 1811	Bp. McKendree	T. L. Douglass
17	Richmond City, Va	Feb. 1812	Bp. McKendree	T. L. Douglass
18	Newbern, N. C.	Feb. 1813	Bp. McKendree	T. L. Douglass
19	Norfolk City, Va.....	Feb. 1814	Bp. McKendree	T. L. Douglass
20	Lynchburg, Va	Feb. 1815	Bp. McKendree	John Early
21	Raleigh, N. C.....	Jan. 1816	Bp. McKendree	M. M. Dance
22	Petersburg, Va.....	Feb. 1817	Bp. McKendree	M. M. Dance
23	Norfolk City, Va.....	Feb. 1818	Bp. Roberts	M. M. Dance
24	Oxford, N. C.....	Feb. 1819	Bp. Roberts	M. M. Dance
25	Richmond City, Va.....	Feb. 1820	Bp. George	M. M. Dance
26	Raleigh, N. C.....	Feb. 1821	Bp. George	M. M. Dance
27	Newbern, N. C.....	Mar. 1822	Bp. George	John Early
28	Lynchburg, Va.....	Mar. 1823	Bp. George	John Early
29	Petersburg, Va	Mar. 1824	Bp. George	John Early
30	Oxford, N. C.....	Feb. 1825	Bp. Soule	John Early
31	Portsmouth, Va.....	Feb. 1826	Bp. Soule	John Early
32	Petersburg, Va.....	Feb. 1827	Bp. Roberts	John Early
33	Raleigh, N. C.....	Feb. 1828	Bp. Soule	John Early
34	Lynchburg, Va.....	Feb. 1829	Bp. Roberts	John Early
35	Richmond City, Va.....	Feb. 1830	Bp. Soule	John Early
36	Newbern, N. C.....	Feb. 1831	Rev Jno. Early	Wm. A. Smith
37	Norfolk City, Va.....	Feb. 1832	Bp. Hedding	John Early
38	Petersburg, Va.....	Feb. 1833	Bp. Hedding	John Early
39	Raleigh, N. C.....	Feb. 1834	Bp. Andrew	John Early
40	Lynchburg, Va.....	Feb. 1835	Bp. Emory	John Early
41	Norfolk City, Va.....	Jan. 1836*	Bp. Hedding	John Early
42	Petersburg, Va.....	Jan. 1837	Bp. Waugh	John Early
43	Richmond City, Va.....	Jan. 1838	Bp. Morris	John Early
44	Edenton, N. C.....	Jan. 1839	Bp. Andrew	John Early
45	Farmville, Va.....	Jan. 1840	Bp. Waugh	John Early

*This year the Virginia Conference was divided, and the North Carolina Conference formed.

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SESSION.	PLACE.	DATE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
46	Lynchburg, Va.....	Jan. 1841	Bp. Morris	John Early
47	Portsmouth, Va.....	Nov. 1841	Rev. John Early	J. A. Riddick
48	Petersburg, Va.....	Nov. 1842	Bp. Waugh	John Early
49	Richmond City, Va.....	Nov. 1843	Bp. Morris	John Early
50	Lynchburg, Va.....	Nov. 1844	Bp. Soule	John Early
51	Norfolk City, Va.....	Nov. 1845	Bp. Andrew	Wm. A. Smith
52	R. Macon College, Va.....	Nov. 1846	Bp. Capers	John Early
53	Charlottesville, Va.....	Nov. 1847	Bp. Andrew	John Early
54	Elizabeth City, N. C	Nov. 1848	Bp. Capers	John Early
55	Petersburg, Va.....	Nov. 1849	Bp. Andrew	John Early
56	Richmond City, Va.....	Nov. 1850	Bp. Paine	J. D. Coulling
57	Alexandria, Va.....	Oct. 1851	Bp. Andrew	J. D. Coulling
58	Fredericksburg, Va.....	Oct. 1852	Bp. Capers	J. D. Coulling
59	Lynchburg, Va.....	Oct. 1853	Bp. Paine	J. D. Coulling
60	Norfolk City, Va.....	Nov. 1854	Bp. Pierce	J. D. Coulling
61	Petersburg, Va.....	Nov. 1855	Bp. Andrew	J. D. Coulling
62	Richmond City, Va.....	Nov. 1856	Bp. Early	J. D. Coulling
63	Elizabeth City, N. C	Nov. 1857	Bp. Pierce	J. D. Coulling
64	Portsmouth, Va.....	Nov. 1858	Bp. Kavanaugh	J. D. Coulling
65	Lynchburg, Va.....	Nov. 1859	Bp. Early	J. D. Coulling
66	Alexandria, Va.....	Nov. 1860	Bp. Paine	Paul Whitehead
67	Norfolk City, Va.....	Nov. 1861	Bp. Andrew	Paul Whitehead
68	Petersburg, Va.....	Nov. 1862	Bp. Early	Paul Whitehead
69	Richmond City, Va.. .	Nov. 1863	Bp. Pierce	Paul Whitehead
70	Lynchburg, Va.....	Nov. 1864	Rev. W A Smith†	Paul Whitehead
71	Danville, Va	Nov. 1865	Bp. Early	Paul Whitehead
72	Norfolk City, Va.....	Nov. 1866	Bp. Pierce	Paul Whitehead
73	Petersburg, Va.....	Nov. 1867	Bp. Doggett	Paul Whitehead
74	Charlottesville, Va.....	Nov. 1868	Bp. Wightman	Paul Whitehead
75	Richmond City, Va	Nov. 1869	Bp. Doggett	Paul Whitehead

†Bishop Early was at the seat of the Conference, but confined to his room by illness during the entire session.

II.—BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

NAMES.	BORN.		ENTERED ITINERANCY.			Ordained Deacon.	Ordained Elder.	ORDAINED BISHOP.		REMARKS.
	WHERE.	WHEN.	CONFERENCE.	WHEN.	WHERE.			WHERE.	WHEN.	
Joshua Soule.....	Maine.....	1781	New York.....	1799	1801	1803	Baltimore.....	1824	Died, in Tenn., March, 1867.	
James O. Andrew.....	Georgia.....	1794	South Carolina...	1812	1814	1816	Philadelphia	1832	Residence, Summerfield, Ala	
William Capers.....	South Carolina...	1790	South Carolina...	1808	1810	1812	Petersburg	1846	Died, in S. Carolina, Jan., '55	49
Robert Paine.....	North Carolina...	1799	Tennessee.....	1818	1822	1824	Petersburg	1846	Residence, Aberdeen, Miss.	
Henry B. Bascom.....	New York.....	1796	Ohio	1813	1815	1817	St. Louis.....	1850	Died, in Kentucky, Sep., 1850	
George F. Pierce.....	Georgia.....	1811	Georgia.....	1830	1832	1834	Columbus, Ga....	1854	Residence, Sparta, Ga.	
John Early.....	Virginia.....	1786	Virginia.....	1807	1809	1811	Columbus, Ga....	1854	Residence, Lynchburg, Va.	
H. H. Kavanaugh.....	Kentucky.....	1802	Kentucky	1823	1825	1827	Columbus, Ga....	1854	Residence, Lexington, Ky.	
Wm. M. Wightman..	South Carolina...	1808	South Carolina...	1828	1830	1832	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Charleston, S. C.	
Enoch M. Marvin.....	Missouri...	1823	Missouri.....	1841	1843	1845	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, St. Louis, Mo.	
David S. Doggett.....	Virginia.....	1810	Virginia.....	1829	1832	1633	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Richmond, Va.	
H. N. McTyeire.....	South Carolina...	1824	Virginia.....	1845	1848	1849	New Orleans.....	1866	Residence, Nashville, Tenn.	

III.—Statistics of the M. E. Church, South, for 1868.

Conferences.....	30
Bishops.....	9
Traveling Preachers—effective.....	2,495
" " superannuated.....	179
Local Preachers.....	4,413
White Members.....	503,596
Clored Members.....	32,085
Indian Members.....	2,301
Total Ministers and Members.....	545,078

The preachers and members of the seperate colored connection (five Conferences) are not included in the above summaries, as they have their own Minutes.

The statistical returns for 1869 are not yet complete, but the published reports of fifteen (one-half) of the Annual Conferences, and representing about one-half of the entire strength of the Church, show a nett increase of *twenty thousand three hundred and fifty white members*. It may be safely assumed that the nett increase for the past year in the thirty Conferences will not be less than 40,000 white members.

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IV.—Creeds of the United States, including Alaska.

Total Population.	Roman Catholic.	Protestant.	Eastern Church.
34,560,000	5,000,000	27,000,000	10,000

V.—Denominations in the United States.

Years.	Total Ministers and Members.
1869. Methodist Episcopal Church.....	1,318,118
1869. Methodist Episcopal Church, South, about.....	580,000
1868. African M. E. Church, about.....	200,500
1868. African M. E. Zion Church.....	164,694
1868. Evangelical (Methodist) Association.....	57,701
1867. Methodist Protestant.....	75,000
1867. "The Methodist Church,".....	49,654
1867. American Wesleyans, about.....	20,250
1867. Other Methodists.....	6,994
1866. Baptist Church—regular.....	1,103,152
Other Baptists, including Campbellites.....	654,000
1867. Lutherans—all sects.....	333,905
1866. Congregationalists.....	269,368
1869. Presbyterian Church (North).....	435,692
1869. Presbyterian Church (South).....	80,000
1867. Cumberland Presbyterians	85,176
1869. Protestant Episcopal.....	203,000
1867. Friends, about.....	97,000
1869. German Reformed.....	117,500
1866. American (Dutch) Reformed.....	58,000
1867. United Brethren.....	98,819
1867. United Presbyterians.....	63,869
1867. Mormons.....	78,000
1867. Unitarians, about.....	23,359
1866. Free Will Baptists.....	60,311
1866. Seventh Day Baptists.....	7,050

VI.—Creeds of the World.

COUNTRIES.	Total Pop.	Rom. Cath.	Protestant.	East Ch.
America.....	81,400,000	47,192,000	29,959,000	10,000
Europe.....	293,000,000	142,117,000	68,028,000	69,782,000
Asia.....	805,400,000	4,685,000	713,000	8,486,000
Africa.....	191,000,000	1,106,000	685,000	3,200,000
Australia and Polynesia...	4,200,000	350,000	1,450,000	.....
Total.....	1,375,000,000	195,434,000	100,835,000	81,478,000

VII.—Methodist Membership by Countries.

UNITED STATES.	Total Ministers and Members.	HAYTI	Total Ministers and Members.
M. E. Church.....	1,318,118	Wesleyan.....	200
M. E. Church, South, about..	580,000		
African M. E. Church.....	206,500		
African M. E. Zion Church...	164,694	ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.	
Evangelical (Meth.) Assoc'n	58,068	Wesleyan Methodist.....	360,596
Methodist Protestant.....	75,000	Irish Wes. Conference.....	20,457
Methodist Church	50,000	Primitive Methodist.....	164,734
Wesleyan Methodist.....	20,250	New Connection Methodist...	32,656
Free Methodist.....	5,000	United Free Church Meth....	68,766
Primitive Methodist.....	2,000	Bible Christian Methodist....	26,523
	2,479,630	Calvinistic Methodist.....	59,000
		Wesleyan Reform Union.....	9,720
		Ch. Methodist in Ireland.....	9,200
CANADA.			751,652
Wesleyan Methodist.....	59,000		
New Connection Methodist...	8,200	FRANCE.	
Methodist Episcopal.....	19,000	French Wes. Methodists.....	1,919
Primitive Methodist.....	7,433	Wesleyan Missions.....	111
	93,633	Methodist Episcopal.....	65
			2,095
EASTERN BRIT. AMERICA.			
Wesleyan Methodist.....	16,727	GERMANY & SWITZERLAND.	
		M. E. Church.....	6,405
WEST INDIES.		Wesleyan.....	1,584
Wesleyans.....	38,579	Evangelical Association.....	4,791
United Methodist.....	1,897		12,780
	40,476		
SPAIN AND MALTA.			
Wesleyan Methodist.....	53	AFRICA.	
		Wesleyan Missions.....	37,835
ITALY.—Wesleyan Meth...	73	Liberia Conf. M. E. C.....	1,880
		United Meth. Free Church....	2,615
DENMARK, SWED'N & NOR'Y.			42,330
Methodist Episcopal.....	786		
INDIA AND CEYLON.			
Wesleyan Missions.	655	AUSTRALIA & POLYNESIA.	
Methodist E. Missions.....	398	Primitive Methodist.....	1,929
Wesleyan, N. and S. Ceylon.	2,024	Wesleyan Conferences.....	58,698
CHINA.		United Meth. Free Church...	624
Wesleyan Meth. Missions....	67	New Connection Methodist...	159
Methodist E. Missions.....	463		61,410
M. E. Church South Missions	.....	
United Meth. Free Ch. Miss..	624		
New Con. Meth. Missions....	159		
	1,313	Grand total.....	3,506,235

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35 00	" " "	if two,	-	-	-	70 00
40 00	" " "	if one,	-	-	-	40 00
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